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Photo by Dana Attocknie

A groundbreaking ceremony was held on Feb. 22, 2010 for the expansion of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Feather Warrior Casino in Canton, Okla. Helping to break new ground are: (L to R) Melvin Roman Nose, environmental project coordinator; Bruce Whiteman, C-1 legislator; Janet Woods, Feather Warrior Casino-Canton assistant general manager; Leslie Harjo, lieutenant governor; Janice Boswell, governor; Chester Whiteman, acting Economic Development director; Charles Surveyor, public relations for Lucky Star Casino; and Ed Bishop, EGB Architect PC.

Expanding into the FUTURE

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

There's going to be more room to play, and more games to play with.

On Feb. 22, 2010 a groundbreaking ceremony was held to celebrate the expansion of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Feather Warrior Casino in Canton, Okla.

"I'm just really excited about the expansion coming up, " Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Janice Boswell said. "I really look forward to seeing it. I feel like the tribes are moving forward at a good pace."

Boswell along with Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo and others helped break ground where approximately 6,400 square feet of new gaming area will be added. In total, 10,000 square feet will be added with the new building.

Ed Bishop, architect for EGB Architect P.C. out of Norman, Okla., said approximately 250 - 300 more gaming machines will be added to the area. The building that will be used to house the new gaming area is the size of the tribes' community building in Concho, Okla.

Bishop said what's unique about the building is that it was purchased three years ago and has been sitting at Concho. He said on the day of the groundbreaking ceremony they would be cutting the dirt for the foundation then it would be "off to the race." He said the expansion and the upgrades to the rest of the casino are scheduled to be finished before the annual Walleye Rodeo in Canton, Okla. This year the rodeo is set for May 13-16, 2010.

"I am very impressed at how quickly the new governor is moving," Bishop said. "I think Janice deserves a gold star."

The architects will be adding a new lodge façade to the front of the casino, paving the existing gravel parking lot, adding more parking spaces, upgrading the casino facilities, vault room, surveillance room and other offices. A new smoke shop building will also be built and will mirror the look of the casino. The new smoke shop will be built to the side of the casino across the parking lot in order to make it more accessible.

Currently the back of the casino is dirt and grass that is used for parking during the tribes' veterans powwow, however that space will be paved and RV hook ups

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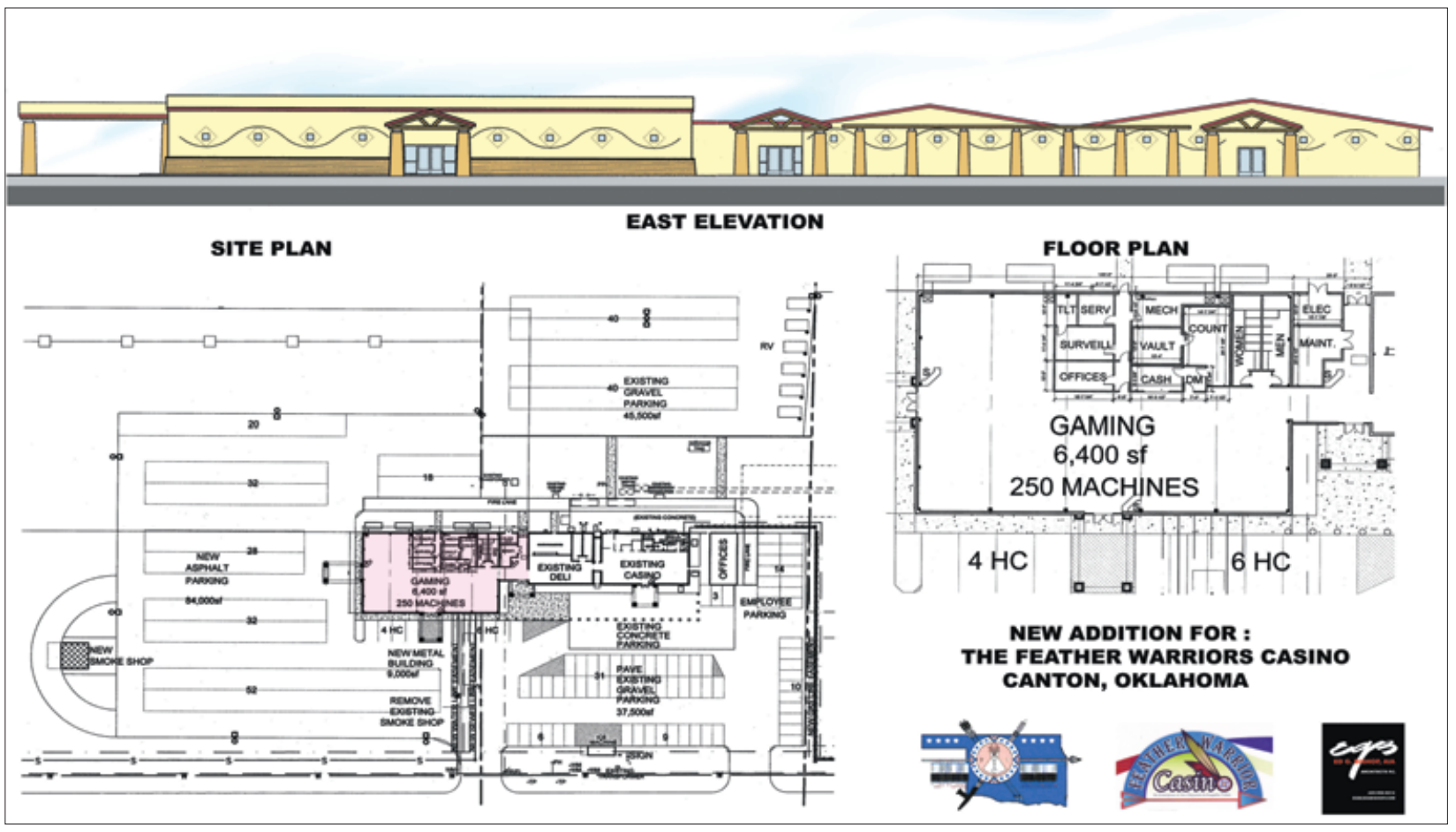

EGB Architect PC provides a site plan for the additions and upgrades to the Feather Warrior Casino in Canton, Okla.

Tribes moving forward

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' new administration is moving forward.

In a series of community meetings Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Gov. Janice Boswell and Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo have brought executive directors, directors and casino managers together with tribal members to answer questions regarding programs, gaming funds and to share their goals for the future of the tribes.

"We've had to pretty much start from scratch when we took office on Jan. 2 with files and documentation. We are trying to move forward even with all the negativity and other obstacles that have been placed in our path," Boswell said at the Feb. 19, 2010 community meeting in Concho, Okla.

Boswell said they have had thousands of dollars of bills left to them by the former administration.

"It slowed us down a bit but we are beginning to see the light and get to the other side. I have been trying to put the best foot forward trying to work with our legislators to get things done, and I have every confidence in our executive directors to keep their individual programs up to speed," Boswell said.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Gov. Janice Boswell welcomes tribal members to the Feb. 19, 2010 community meeting in Concho, Okla. as Joyce Wood and Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo look on.

Tribal members were able to pick up several handouts when entering the community center. There were copies of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's Election Board expenditure comparison for years 2007 through 2009, Lucky Star casino(s) November net income and tribal distribution figures for December 2009 and copies of two checks each in the amount of $500,000 made payable to the tribes by the casinos.

Among other handouts was a copy of the agreement entered into between former Gov. Flyingman and Chief Judge, Bob Smith. In short the agreement said the tribes were retaining Smith as the tribal court judge for a period of four years effective March 31, 2008 and he would be paid $100,000 a year.

Attached to the agreement were several documents showing the purchase of a mobile home for Smith in the amount of $194,998. The home had been placed on property within the tribes' Concho Tribal complex.

Also attached were records of expenditures for furniture, privacy fencing, personal property and a separate two-car garage for Smith totaling over $56,000.

None of the contents of the handouts were addressed during the meeting and there were no questions asked by tribal members about any of the information.

"Flyingman's administration left us (new administration) with a lot of unfinished business

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens

On Feb. 17, 2010 Mariah St. Cyr, Cricket Yellowman, Katherine Blackwolf, Miranda Marquez and Brie Proctor prepare to mail a check and items they collected. to victims of the Cheyenne River Sioux reservation blizzard.

Native American students lend a hand

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

While the world focuses on a disaster in Haiti, students in the El Reno High School Indian Club in El Reno, Okla. are focusing on the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe in Sioux Falls, S.D.

A winter storm hit the reservation of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe the weekend of Jan. 22, 2010 leaving over 2,500 utility poles on the ground and 3,800 tribal members without electricity, heat, water and no way to get to shelters for weeks. With below zero temperatures

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GOV. JANICE BOSWELL & LT. GOV. LESLIE HARJO

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

MEAL PROVIDED

ALL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, PROGRAM DIRECTORS, GAMING GENERAL MANAGERS AND GAMING OPERATIONS MANAGERS WILL BE PRESENT TO INTRODUCE THEIR PROGRAMS AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

TIME	DATE	COMMUNITY	LOCATION
6 P.M.	MARCH 2, 2010	HAMMON/ELK CITY	HAMMON COMMUNITY HALL
6 P.M.	MARCH 3, 2010	KINGFISHER	FAIRGROUNDS EXHIBIT BUILDING

Transit conference stresses tribal partnerships

By Rosemary Stephens, Reporter/Graphic Artist

Tribal and non-tribal transit authorities from across Oklahoma meet with a common goal in mind. Making a difference one ride at a time.

They assembled for the 12th annual Oklahoma Transit Association (OTA) conference on Feb. 17-19, 2010 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Oklahoma City.

"We want to focus this year on ways to improve elderly and handicapped public transit, developing more partnerships with Oklahoma tribes to provide transit services to their tribal members who need transportation, the benefits of using clean energy fuel versus gasoline and provide training to more drivers to help in times of crisis, such as blizzards," Stephen Lalli, OTA executive director, said.

The conference opened with guest speaker, Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Jari Askins presenting the 2009 Transit System of the Year Award to Pelvian Transit based out of Big Cabin, Okla.

Courtesy photo

Debbie McGlasson (center) of Pelivan Transit, accepts the Oklahoma Transit Association (OTA) 2009 Transit System of the Year Award from Lt. Gov. Jari Askins and Rick Cain of Oklahoma City METRO Transit, OTA president.

Askins said she was honored to be asked to give out the award to Pelvian Transit because of their initiatives in developing a nine-tribe consortium in northeast Oklahoma under their Grand Gateway Economic Development project.

The project established a trolley loop in Miami, Okla. with help from the Miami tribe. Funding through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) will enable Pelivan Transit and the Miami tribe to establish a new multi-model transit center in Miami, Okla.

The work with tribal governments was labeled a *Best Practice* by the Tribal Transit Programs division of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

"Pelivan Transit is the leader and model for a public transit system working with tribal governments to improve transportation for all citizens, tribal and non-tribal in their service areas," Lalli said. "It is a win-win situation for all communities and the public."

Four tribes were invited to participate in a panel discussion regarding tribal transit programs being developed within their tribe or already in operation. The tribes were the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, Seminole Nation, Kiowa Nation and the Chickasaw Nation.

"We have some of the top tribes, in my opinion here today to present to you what the tribes are doing in the field of transit," Angie Gilliam, Chickasaw Nation, said. "The Kiowa tribe is kind of the founding tribal transit entity because they were operating a transit system before there was even anything called tribal transit."

Beginning the panel discussion was Angela Blind, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' roads program director and Michelle Johnson, special projects officer.

Blind presented a Powerpoint presentation of the upcoming Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal transit system scheduled to begin later this year.

"In 2008 we were awarded a grant for $25,000 from the FTA to determine the need for a tribal transit program within our nine county service areas. Currently we have approximately 12, 232 tribal members with over 8,000 of them living within our nine services areas," Blind said. "Through surveys and community meetings we were able to determine the need for a transit system and develop the four routes that right now we call the red, yellow, blue and green routes."

She said the system will begin with fixed routes only, but will evolve into more flexible routes as the system progresses.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes will start out with four buses seating 11 passengers and they will be wheelchair accessible.

"Our biggest challenge is meeting all the needs of our tribal members and creating routes that will serve all our tribal members, not just a few. The tribes have a lot of long-term projects in the works that include Weatherford, Elk City and Hammon," Blind said.

She said the tribes were awarded $816,000 in grant funding for the tribal transit system and half of that initial money will go to purchase the four buses.

"Our tribes had a transit program back in 1995 to 2000 and it failed, so our biggest goal is to make sure this project does not fail, that it does not disappear in four or five years and that the tribal transit system will be there for all tribal members in the future," Blind said.

Photo by Rosemary Stephens

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Angela Blind, roads program director and Michelle Johnson, special projects officer present plans for the start of new tribal transit system.

Red Hat shares his happiness with family, friends

Photos by Dana Attocknie

Top: In front is the new home built for William Red Hat, Jr. in Longdale, Okla. His former residence is shown in the background.

Bottom: Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Gov. Janice Boswell and William Red Hat, Jr. stand in Red Hat's new kitchen as the final home inspection nears.

By Dana Attocknie, Managing Editor

William Red Hat, Jr. is moving, but he's not going far.

In 1970, Red Hat's grandmother, Minnie Red Hat, signed him up with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's Housing Authority so he could one day get a tribal home. That day arrived on Feb. 17, 2010, and his new home is nestled just feet away from where he has been living in Longdale, Okla.

"I want to thank all of you," Red Hat said to a crowd of family and friends who gathered to welcome him and his family into his new home. "So, it's 2010 … I finally got a house."

The tribes' Housing Authority built Red Hat a three-bedroom home that has two bathrooms, a garage, a new stove, ceiling fans, a whirlpool bathtub and washer and dryer hookups.

"I'm getting used to it," Red Hat said. "I didn't know what to ask for."

Items like a new refrigerator are considered a luxury in the homes; Red Hat said he was told.

Sandra Ramos from the Housing Authority said construction of the home began approximately eight weeks ago. Construction was only briefly halted during that time because of the winter weather.

Of his new home, Red Hat said, "It's warm right now and I'm pretty glad of that."

A little more work needs to be completed on the home, but Red Hat said he and his wife Nellie will probably begin moving in a couple of weeks. He said some of their grandkids stay with them.

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Photos by Rosemary Stephens

D.J. White, an Oklahoma City Thunder 6'9 forward, spent Monday afternoon, Feb. 22, 2010 promoting Read to Achieve at the Oklahoma City Indian Clinic.

White read a book to children ages 4 to 10 and talked to them about the importance of reading. Following the story, White gave out free books and snacks to the children.

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Special Tribal Council meeting proposed

Feb. 24, 2010

Tribal Council Members

(18 years of age and older as of March 27, 2010)

Re: Proposed March 27, 2010 Special Tribal Council Meeting

On Feb. 22, 2010, Ms. Mary Youngbull and Ms. Louella Oldbear submitted a petition to call a Special Tribal Council Meeting at 10 a.m. on March 27, 2010 at the Elk City Jr. High Cafeteria, 411 North Oliver, Elk City, Okla. The Office of Tribal Council received (11) pages consisting of (230) signatures.

The agenda includes:

1. A Resolution Authorizing the Removal of the Tribal Council Coordinator and Selection of an Acting Tribal Council Coordinator.
2. A Resolution Repealing the 2010 Budget & Appropriations Act (reserving the Tribal Council's right and authority to repeal the Act if it is determined not to be in the interest of the Tribes).
3. A Resolution Repealing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Code of Ethics (reserving the Tribal Council's right and authority to repeal the Act if it is determined not to be in the interest of the Tribes).
4. A Resolution Authorizing the Tribes' Tobacco Compact with the State of Oklahoma.
5. A Resolution Establishing the Tribes' Policy on Gubernatorial Confirmations.
6. A Resolution Establishing the Tribes' Policy of Transparency for all Tribal Revenues and Expenditures.
7. A Resolution Authorizing a Special Consulting Service Contract for the Department of Economic Development.
8. A Resolution Authorizing Contract(s) for a Special Prosecutor and Independent Investigator to Examine Allegations of Unauthorized spending and Other Illegal Acts Under the Flyingman Administration.
9. A Resolution Authorizing the Tribal Council Attorney to pursue Civil Actions(s) to Recover the Tribes' Financial Losses Arising from the Unauthorized Litigation and issues surrounding the Management Agreement with Southwest Casino's.
10. A Resolution Repeal Tribal Council Policy Requiring Uniform Personnel Policies and Procedures.
11. A Resolution Approving Judicial Appointments.

Verification by Enrollment Department will be completed by Friday, Feb. 26, 2010. If the petition is verified with at least (150) signatures, the Public Notice and resolutions will be published in the next *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune*.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me office at (800) 247.4612 ext. 27430, direct line (405) 422-7430 or e-mail rlynn@c-a-tribes.org.

Rachel N. Lynn, coordiantor
Office of Tribal Council

Public Notice

From
The Office of the Legislature,

Michael Kodaseet, speaker

To the Cheyenne and Arapaho people:

As speaker of the Third Legislature it is my duty to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people to inform them of concerns facing the tribes.

A piece of enforceable standing legislation, **Resolution No. 021096TC005**, was passed in 1996 by the Tribal Council in Watonga, Okla.

The legislation has been brought to the Legislatures' attention and it concerns someone who was an official at the time.

An **oversight hearing** has been scheduled by the Legislature to resolve the matter and set the record straight for all tribal members. The hearing date has been set from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, **March 4, 2010**, in the large conference room at the main complex in Concho, Okla.

All interested people in matters concerning Resolution No. 021096TC005 are asked to bring all documented information related to the issue.

The Legislature is requesting the attendance of the following individuals to the oversight hearing in order for them to bring forth their documentation: Archie Hoffman, Charles Surveyor, Robert Tabor, James Pedro, Sam Hart, MarciAnne Jacobs and Leslie Medicine Bear.

Also, **public hearings** concerning regular business will be held:

- From 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, **March 2, 2010,** in the large conference room at the main complex in Concho, Okla. and,
- From 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday **March 4, 2010**, at the Geary Community Hall in Geary, Okla.

Third Legislature of the Cheyenne, Arapaho tribes transitions into 2010

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature under the constitution of the tribes (pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a)] of the Constitution, provides the Legislature with legislative authority, and further provides the Legislature with the authority to make all laws and resolutions that are necessary and proper for the good of the tribes.

With the start of the new 2010 year came a new tribal administration with the election of its new Gov. Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell and Lt. Gov. Leslie Harjo. A new year, new tribal administration and some newly appointed legislators made for several transition aspects, which lessen as the Third Legislature continues to rise to the occasion and fulfill its constitutional obligation and public responsibility to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

Legislators serving in the Legislative Branch and referred to as The Third Legislature are comprised of the following elected officials:

Arapaho District 1-Jane Nightwalker

Cheyenne District 1-Bruce Whiteman

Arapaho District 2-Michael Kodaseet

Cheyenne District 2-Clifton Ellis

Arapaho District 3-Patrick Spottedwolf

Cheyenne District 3-Mary Jo Higgins

Arapaho District 4-Casper Avans

Cheyenne District 4-Fiona Whiteskunk

The legislative yearly calendar requires the Legislature to meet for 12 Regular Sessions. The Legislature Regular Sessions are scheduled on the second Saturday of each month, and are held at the tribal complex in Concho, Okla. All meetings of the Legislature shall be open to the membership of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. As such, the Third Legislature would like to encourage attendance by all tribal members available to attend.

Transitioning into 2010 has delayed legislative postings in newsletters or newspapers servicing the tribes. This article is intended to bring the tribal membership up-to-date on legislative business conducted since the onset of the 2010 calendar.

In reviewing the legislative actions since the first of the year, it will reflect the selection of a new Speaker of the Legislature, A2 Legislator, Michael Kodaseet.

THIRD LEGISLATURE OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES -

First Regular Session. At the First Regular Session held Jan. 9, 2010, the legislative agenda included the following business items:

LEGISLATIVE ORDER

Legislative Order No.	**Legislative Order**
3L-LO-2010-01-01	Selection of the Speaker
3L-LO-2010-01-02	Selection of the Assistant Speaker

PENDING BILLS

BILL NO.: 3L-2010-RS-01-01

SUBJECT: To Support the Submission of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) pursuant to 23 USC Section 204(J)

BILL NO.: 3L-2010-RS-01-02

SUBJECT: A Resolution to Support the Submission of deliverables and updates to LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (LRTP) pursuant to Title 23, United States Code (23 U.S.C.) Section 204(J)

BILL NO.: 3L-2010-RS-01-03

SUBJECT: To approve the submission of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes ARRA-IRRTIP pusuant to the Indian resevations roads program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, 2009. (P.l. 111-5, or "ARRA")

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

Date read into the record: Thursday, Jan. 11, 2010

FORMALLY INTRODUCED

- A bill to provide water and sewer line easement for the City of Canton, Okla. to the existing Canton Casino.
- A bill to provide Oklahoma Gas & Electric an easement for the existing Canton Casino.
- A bill to authorize the governor to submit to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Application regarding Elk City fee into trust.
- To terminate attorneys and research specialist.

Public Notice

There is an urgency for caregivers with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Caregiver Program, Title VI.

Caregiver applications are available at the Elderly Nutrition Center in Clinton, Okla.

For more information, call Clarice Jacket and Robin French at (580) 323-0200.

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At 5 p.m. every 8th and 23rd of the month.

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PROGRAM PROFILE

Cheyenne, Arapaho Tribes Emergency Medical Service

The Cheyenne and Arapaho EMS Vision

To expand our services to better cover the tribal members, Native Americans and Alaska Natives in Western Oklahoma with the highest level of emergency care.

This article is to inform you of the services we provide and the best way to contact us for needed services. Our EMS services are licensed for "Advanced Pre-Hospital" care and transport as well as "Specialty Care" and transport. We provide pre-hospital emergency care with advanced level trained medics and critical care transport for Western Oklahoma.

EMERGENCY information

If you need an ambulance for EMERGENCY needs, we want to make sure your EMERGENCY needs are met quickly because we are stationed in Clinton, Okla. and currently funded to staff just one crew 24 hours a day, seven days a week, PLEASE call 911 or your local emergency numbers for EMERGENCY needs. You can request our EMS to respond however because some areas are distant to our facility and/or we may already be on a patient/client transport.

Please call 911 or your local emergency numbers for your EMERGENCY needs. We will still respond to your location when we are called to transport, but we want to make sure your EMERGENCY needs are met immediately.

NON-emergency or business information

If you need to arrange NON-emergency transport or just need to talk to our business or administrative office staff our business office hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Our staff members carry a cell phone at all times, however they may not be able to answer due to being on a patient/client transport or the cell phone service does not provide clear signal throughout our EMS service area, so if you will leave a message for your NON-emergency ambulance needs we will call you back as soon as we are able.

Administrative office and ambulance station phone number is (580) 323-7087. Our EMS ambulance No. 1 cell phone is (580) 445-6270. Our EMS director cell phone is (580) 445-6280.

Quality, Compassionate Care

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Emergency Medical Service offers 24 hours a day, seven days a week emergency medical care to all tribal members, Native Americans, I.H.S. beneficiaries as well as the general public.

The goal of the program is to provide compassionate, quality and efficient emergency medical care to the sick or injured person and safely transport each patient to the nearest appropriate medical facility.

Training and Education

We have several trained instructors for:
American Heart Association
Basic Life Support (CPR)
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)
National Association of Emergency Medical Technicians (NAEMT)
Advanced Medical Life Support (AMLS)
Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS)
American Academy of Pediatrics
Pediatric Education for Pre-Hospital Professionals (PEPP)

EMS Staff

Richard Miller, EMS director, RN, CCEMT-P, AHA Regional Faculty BLS ACLS PALS

Wilma Redbird, EMS administrative assistant, NR First Responder

Greg Black, NREMT-P, quality assurance officer

Dawn LaFerr, NREMT-P, equipment and supply officer

Anna Scheffler, NREMT-I, PCR supervisor

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Justin Ruiz, NR First Responder/ EMR

Tribal Tidbits

Economic Development staff, Sonny Loneman, James Bates, J.D. Blackowl, Larry Cometsevah, and Vincent Willey uncover steel beams and prepare to move them to Canton, Okla.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

On Feb. 12, 2010 Economic Development staff worked to load and move steel beams to Canton, Okla.

The steel beams will be used for the future expansion of Feather Warrior Casino/Smoke shop in Canton, Okla.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal employees give a big send off to the Darlington boys' basketball team as they head to Earlsboro, Okla. for the state playoffs.

Photos by Rosemary Stephens

Courtesy photo

Pictured l-r: front row: Coach Mike Pierson, Jayton Willingham, Andrew Miles, Tanner Brown, Dylan Toahty, Rickey Elledge and Bryon Elledge. Middle Row: Ira Sankey, Stewart Paukei, Sam Dicke, Tommy Crews, Elijah Ellis and Miguel Whiteshirt. Back Row: Josh Bushyhead, Andre Runnels, Michael Jones and Steffen Funkhouser.

Darlington School's seventh and eighth grades Chief's Basketball team are the winners of the Oklahoma Rural Elementary Schools (O.R.E.S.) west area and west regionals. This qualifies them to play in the state playoffs.

Submitted article/photo

During the Christmas holidays the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' department of education sponsored several food fundraisers for selected tribal families and tribal elders in the El Reno, Okla. area. The selected families received blankets, a set of clothes, socks, stocking caps, gloves, a toy, oranges and apples. The elders received house shoes, socks, a blanket, gloves, stocking cap, oranges and fruit.

While delivering one elder gift bag to Lillian Old Crow, she in turn donated seven baby blankets she made. Old Crow is 90 years old and remains active in mind and spirit. Her daughter, Mary Lou Stevenson, said she buys the materials for her mom because it gives her something to do. How appropriate that the blankets were given to newborn babies. What a blessing that the blankets were made by a 90-year-old elder.

The families were asked to send a photo of the newborn and blanket so they may be given to Old Crow. Thank you Lillian for the donations and God Bless you and your family.

REACHing Out

TALKING CIRCLES

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes have been conducting **"Talking Circle"** Focus Groups in various locations throughout Western Oklahoma. The last focus group will take place:

From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 6, 2010 at the education office in El Reno, Okla.

If you have signed up with Margie Deer at the R.E.A.C.H. U.S. office you will receive the $50 Wal-mart card for your participation. No more applications will be taken. Due to the few number of responses from Watonga, Hammon, Elk City, Seiling and Canton, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes will not conduct "Talking Circles" at these locations.

A **smoking cessation** class will be held as follows:

From 1 to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 Fitness Center in Clinton, Okla.

Health Education Director Margie Deer would like to thank everyone that participated in the "Talking Circles."

The Domestic Violence program services Canadian, Kingfisher, Blaine, Dewey, Custer, Washita, Beckham and Roger Mills counties.

Women Are Sacred

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Domestic Violence Program provides

Counseling for Native American women, including the elderly, who have been involved in domestic abuse, sexual assault or stalking.

Advocacy in obtaining victim's protective orders and referrals to agencies that may be of assistance to them.

Support for clients and their families while in crisis.

For more information or help call (405) 422-7692-office, (405) 201-8295-cell or toll free (800) 247-0345 ext. 27692

This project is supported by Grant No.2209-TW-AX-0039 awarded by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice

Steven Ray Kammerzell, a proud Cheyenne, Arapaho

Submitted article

Steven Ray Kammerzell is the son of Earl and Josephine Kammerzell and was born and raised in Oklahoma. He graduated from Sequoyah-Tahlequah in 2004. He then attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Okla. and was a peer counselor, an ambassador, as well as vice-president of Native Thunder (The NOC Native American club).

After earning his associates degree he attended Oklahoma State University (OSU) where he was a member of the Native American club, OSU History club, and multiple intramural sporting groups. Kammerzell holds a B.A. with honors in American History and a minor in Native American Studies from OSU.

Kammerzell's honors at OSU include: OSU President's Honor Roll, OSU Dean's Honor Roll, The National Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Golden Key Honor Society, Phi Alpha Theta National Honor Society, Outstanding Junior and Senior Nominations, Top Ten Percent of all OSU Juniors and Top Ten Percent of all Graduating Seniors.

Kammerzell was also selected to participate in the Washington Internship for Native Students (WINS) where he worked for the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) International Services (IS) Division in Washington, D.C. During the internship he was required to take six hours of summer course work at American University on top of working 40 hours per week; one of the few internships that require its students to do both. Kammerzell finished the internship with a 4.0 GPA and was the intern of the year runner-up.

Kammerzell currently resides in Arlington, Va. and works in Washington, D.C. as a budget analyst. He is a part of the Indian Honors Program within the federal government based on demonstrated academic achievement. He plans to gain elaborate knowledge and skills while working for the government, which he intends to use in the future to take back to his tribal community and on multiple levels, give back to his people.

Kammerzell would like to whole heartedly thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho education department for their generosity in helping finance his academic endeavors.

Kammerzell would not have been able to accomplish his achievements without the help of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

He would also like to give a very special thank you to Wanda Whiteman whom has shown nothing but immense kindness and sincerity to not just Kammerzell, but to all students and people alike.

Kammerzell said Whiteman fosters the positive attitude that resonates the fundamental purpose of the education department. (To assist its students by helping with financial needs and giving much needed educational advice.)

"I appreciate the heartfelt thanks from Steven but I need to add that Steven called me to ask what he could do for his tribe, that he wanted to 'give back' and help a student, preferably a student who was involved in athletics. Two students, Brandi Bigfoot of Darlington School and Brandon Bigfoot of El Reno High School, received $50 each from Steven, as a donation toward their basketball activities. Both Brandi and Brandon (a.k.a. Bam) were runners up in 2010 basketball homecoming activities. Their father, Carl Dean Bigfoot recently passed on, but left a family of seven school age children. Thank you Steven, for the outstanding individual you are, and for being a mentor to our tribal students. May God continue to bless you in your future endeavors," Wanda Whiteman said.

Steven Ray Kammerzell

NCAI President Jefferson Keel honored by State of Oklahoma

On Jan. 13, 2010, the Board of Commissioners of the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission hosted a special reception to honor the achievements of Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel of the Chickasaw Nation.

On behalf of the State of Oklahoma, Sen. Susan Paddock and Reps. Todd Thomsen, Wes Hilliard, Lisa J. Billy, and Paul D. Roan, signed a "Citation of Congratulations" for Keel's election as the "first tribal leader from Oklahoma" to serve as president of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI).

Because of this recent accomplishment, it was the, "most appropriate time for the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Oklahoma to express appreciation and congratulations to Jefferson Keel on his election to this most prestigious position."

In addition, Keel received a letter of commendation from the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission and a citation of honor from Rep. Paul Wesselhoft, the Native American Caucus, and the Oklahoma House of Representatives.

According to the Commission, Keel, "has brought honor to the Great State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma's sovereign nations."

Courtesy photo

This picture was taken at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Princess coronation dance. From left to right are Kaylee Bish, Charlotte Lumpmouth, Kaitlyn Kodaseet and Theresa Murray.

Charlotte Lumpmouth made all three buckskin dresses. She made Kodaseet's dress in four weeks.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Comprehensive Planning
The Planning Office is pleased to announce that we
have been given the thumbs up to engage in
the proceedings of the Tribes' First Comprehensive Plan.
The Professional Planning Consultants, AECOM and REES Associates
have been contracted by the Tribes
to assist in development of the Comprehensive Plan.
Kickoff Meetings:
Thurs. March 25, 2010
10 am El Reno Education Center
1:30 pm Watonga Community Building
Fri. March 26, 2010
10 am Hammon Community Building
1:30 pm Clinton Senior Center
Tribal Leaders and Tribal Members are an integral part of the Comprehensive Plan.
During every step of the Plan's development, Tribal Members will be invited to public events where Ideas and Information can be Exchanged.
Let your friends, relatives and neighbors know about the Plan and the opportunities for getting involved!
**Art Competition for Tribal Youth
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Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

Third annual Cheyenne, Arapaho Studies Conference revisits homelands

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College (CATC), American Indian Student Services at the University of Colorado at Denver, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Health are sponsoring the Third annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Studies Conference, "C&A Revisited" on March 18-19, 2010.

The conference is held in Denver, Colo. the ancestral and treaty homelands of the Hinónóéí and Tsistsistas.

This year's event will be held at the Auraria Campus of the University of Colorado.

Other key participants include Chief Dull Knife College, Lame Deer, Mont., Wind River Tribal College, Ethete, Wyo., and Fort Belknap College, Harlem, Mont. Presenters also include personnel from the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site and the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site. Dr. Camacho, Provost: diversity and inclusion, with the University of Colorado, Denver will open this year's conference.

This year's program includes a panel of elders who will discuss the importance of a cultural-based education, especially the study of their respective tribal languages; a student panel made up of students from each of the four tribal colleges who will give their perspectives of what they have gained from attending a tribal college and how such an education will serve them in the future.

Rick Williams, Lakota, executive director of the American Indian College Fund has been invited to deliver one of two luncheon addresses.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College will offer one-hour college credit for people who elect to enroll for credit, which will be taught by Henrietta Mann, CATC president. She will deliver the other luncheon address, which will serve as her course lecture.

Each of the tribal colleges will make a presentation and showcase their accomplishments and discuss the challenges they face.

The event is open to the public and there is no registration fee. For further information contact Gail Wilcox at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, (580) 774-3139 or the Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education.

One may also contact Ms. Theresa Gutierrez at (303) 556-2860. We will see you as we re-visit the homelands of our ancestors.

New federal firearms law takes effect

A change in federal law, which became effective Feb. 22, 2010, allows people who can legally possess firearms under federal, state, and local law to possess those firearms at Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

The new federal law makes possession of firearms in national parks also subject to the firearms laws of the state and communities where the parks are located.

"We have been working closely with local, state, and federal officials to ensure that we clearly understand the provisions of the laws that will now apply to our visitors when they are in the park," said Superintendent Lisa Conard Frost. We encourage every visitor who may wish to bring firearms to the park to do their research ahead of time and ensure that they are aware of and abide by the laws that apply. Our goal is to provide safe, enjoyable park visits for everyone, and to preserve this very special place for people today and future generations."

The new federal law has no effect on existing laws and regulations regarding the use of firearms in national parks or hunting. Hunting still is not allowed within the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site. Federal law continues to prohibit firearms in certain facilities, such as park visitor centers; these facilities are posted with appropriate notices at public entrances.

"For nearly 100 years, the mission of the National Park Service has been to protect and preserve the parks and to help all visitors enjoy them," National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis said. "We will administer this law as we do all others-fairly and consistently."

High school seniors, college students:
FAFSA-PELL applications are due to be completed now

Submitted article

Students who will attend college in the 2010-2011, now is the time to send in your FAFSA-PELL grant applications. You must first go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and apply for a pin number. The pin number will be sent to your e-mail address. Once you have received your pin number you can then go to the same Web site and complete your application online. Your pin number will suffice as your signature.

Parents please complete your income tax report early so your student can submit their FAFSA-PELL application. If you have not been employed but receive income from other sources, that can be reported as income on the FAFSA-PELL application. Your child may be eligible to receive the free scholarship based on the income information you provide. Certain free scholarship grants are given to early applicants.

The OTAG program has limited funds and once those funds have been disbursed, there is nothing left for late applicants. Many of our students do not receive OTAG funds, simply because they did not complete a FAFSA-PELL application early. Parents of students under the age of 24 years old must be involved in their childs college preparation. Don't wait until the month before school starts to complete this needed FAFSA-PELL application, do it now so they might also receive extra funds.

Ask your students high school counselor to help you and if you cannot get assistance from them, call (405) 422-7560 and a staff member will assist you. Send an e-mail to wwhiteman@c-a-tribes.org if you need assistance. Our tribal Web site is www.c-a-tribes.org/education.

Students who are under 24 years old; are not married; have no dependents; have not been in the military; and are not wards of the court, must have parent income information, and income tax information, if one was filed. Students, please ask your parents for a copy of their income tax forms so you can complete the FAFSA-PELL application now. All income sources can be counted, for example: social security, veteran benefits, unemployment, food stamps, etc.

Students 24 years old and over know the process and are encouraged to do their FAFSA-PELL applications immediately. If you are not sure you will attend school in the fall, submit your FAFSA-PELL anyway and if you are able to attend then your application will have already been submitted. If you are unable to attend, FAFSA-PELL funds cannot be disbursed unless you are enrolled, have accepted and signed the student financial aid paperwork.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T gets new year hopping for elders, youth

Submitted article

Annual Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Basketball Tournament

Jan. 16, 2010, marked the date for the Third annual Doyle Lonelodge all men's basketball tournament. The tournament was held at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' R.E.Sp.E.C.T. and Housing Authority building in Clinton, Okla.

The tournament is held in honor of the late Doyle Lonelodge who was a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member and an active basketball player in local leagues and tournaments.

This year the tournament proved to be another success, and with 11 teams present the day of registration the tournament lasted a full day and competiveness was all around the court.

The first game of the day began at 9:30 a.m. and with several competitive teams the games went on throughout the day nonstop until the championship game, which started promptly at 7 p.m.

The tournament allowed only individuals who were18 years of age or older and who were enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. Each player was required to have his tribal identification card present at registration to be added to any roster.

The name of the game was double elimination and each team had to be beaten twice to get knocked off the bracket. All teams showed great effort but only one team took home the first place trophy.

The winners of the tournament were as follows, third place went to the Hammon Basketball team, second place went to the Renegades from El Reno Okla., and the 2010 Doyle Lonelodge Memorial Tournament went to the Cold Ones also from El Reno, Okla. The winners of the tournament received the first place trophy and R.E.Sp.E.C.T. hooded sweatshirts.

The tournament will be held again in the following year as it has proved more than once to be a big success for the community.

Elders Day Out

On Jan. 20, 2010 tribal elders took a trip to Norman, Okla. for the monthly Elders Day Out. The group traveled to the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History located on the University of Oklahoma campus.

The day was full of interesting facts about Oklahoma history and everyone was given lunch and dinner for the day's activities. Each participant was also given a gift bag filled with some winter wear for the cold season.

After the tours the elders were treated to dinner at the Golden Corral restaurant in Oklahoma City completing the Elder's Day Out.

School visits

February 2010 featured a number of activities and events for all the communities. First on the list was the end of the semester school visits to schools in the surrounding service areas. The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. school visits are implemented to assist students with the many needs for academic success.

During the visits the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. staff spoke with the students about day-to-day problems that occur in school and informed them of activities and events planned for the student element. Flyers, applications and other literature about camps, meetings and program assistance were also given to the students.

The program is planning several activities for students to be held throughout the spring and summer seasons.

Valentines Day

Also in February was the Valentines Day Elders Day Out, which took the elders back to the 1950s in a sock hoppin' day at the Frisco Event Center in Clinton, Okla.

The day featured a 50s theme and several elders made the day out in their best 50s style attire. Along with the exercise bingo, arts and crafts, door prizes and the music, the participants played a Jeopardy style 50s trivia game. They also had a chance to go to the soda shop for sodas, floats and popcorn, or mosey on over to the game room for some cards, dominoes, chess, and other selected games for the participants to play. Birthdays and announcements completed the Elder's Day Out in February.

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program would like to thank everyone who participated and attended the sponsored activities and events for their community.

For any questions regarding program events and activities, please contact the R.E.Sp.E.C.T Concho office at (800) 247-4612 ext.27570 or (405) 262-0345 ext. 27570 or www.c-a-tribes.org/respect.

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What is loveisrespect?

Submitted information

loveisrespect.org, National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline was launched in February 2007 through a collaboration between The National Domestic Violence Hotline and Liz Claiborne Inc. It is a 24-hour national web-based and telephone helpline created to help teens (ages 13-18) experiencing dating abuse.

"If teens are not turning to their parents for help, it is essential that they have a private outlet where they can discuss their fears with someone who will provide immediate assistance" said Sheryl Cates, chief executive officer of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the Texas Council on Family Violence. "This helpline and Web site were designed exclusively for teens so they can speak to a peer advocate anonymously and confidentially."

The helpline is available toll free at (866) 331-9474 or TTY (866) 331-8453. Individuals can also log on to the interactive Web site loveisrespect.org, and receive immediate, confidential assistance. loveisrepect.org is one of the first interactive dating abuse Web sites staffed by trained peer advocates, where teens can get immediate assistance in a one-on-one private chat room.

Liz Claiborne Inc. initiated and funded loveisrespect.org with a multi-year, million dollar grant as part of the company's commitment to help end teen dating abuse across the nation. The helpline and Web site are both operated by the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

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You have the right to not have sex – Even if you have had sex before, you have the right to refuse sex for any reason.

To have friends and activities apart from my boyfriend or girlfriend – Spending time by yourself, with male or female friends, or with family is normal and healthy.

To end a relationship – You should not be harassed, threatened, or made to feel guilty for ending an unhealthy or healthy relationship. You have the right to end a relationship for any reason you choose.

I pledge to:

Always treat my boyfriend or girlfriend with respect.

Never hurt my boyfriend or girlfriend physically, verbally, or emotionally.

Respect my girlfriend's or boyfriend's decisions concerning sex and affection.

Not be controlling or manipulative in my relationship.

Accept responsibility for myself and my actions.

Holidays with R.E.Sp.E.C.T.

Submitted article

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program had two months of great activities for the Cheyenne and Arapaho communities at the end of last year.

Although the cold temperatures and poor road conditions plagued the state of Oklahoma, it proved to be no match for the program and their determination to get to all of the communities for their holiday activities.

Beginning on Nov. 24, 2010 the program had the annual Turkey Trot run and walk in front of the Concho tribal complex.

The activity was an attempt to get tribal members involved with an activity that would positively help maintain a healthier lifestyle.

With nearly 100 people present the event proved that the Cheyenne and Arapaho people are rearing and ready to go when it comes to fun healthy exercise.

Also in November the program had its annual Holiday Fun Day in all of the Cheyenne and Arapaho communities. The fun day was a day of fun in the communities, which gave several tribal members a chance to spend safe quality time with their friends and family.

The different communities had many people in attendance who were treated to bowling, indoor swimming and pizza.

The year 2009 was also the first year the program serviced the Oklahoma City area and plans to return to the community in 2010. The holiday fun day was a great success in November for the program and participants.

December was yet another exciting month with the Christmas spirit in the air. The program planned the Christmas Elders Day Out and the Christmas in the Community activity.

The monthly Elders Day Out was Dec. 9, 2009 in the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. The activity was planned right for the season and once again allowed the tribal elders to gather, share stories of old times and catch up on the present. The program sponsored a Christmas season meal and gave the elders a chance to see and take pictures with Santa Claus.

Participants also used Christmas decorations, glass vases, potpourri and other materials to make themselves a sparkling aromatic decoration.

The day was another day out for the tribal elders to enjoy the company of other elders throughout Cheyenne and Arapaho country.

Next on the schedule was the Christmas in the Community event held at all of the Cheyenne and Arapaho communities.

The event was in collaboration with other programs to service the communities to an evening of fun and games.

The events were held in or near every Cheyenne and Arapaho community, and attracted children and their families from all around to enjoy a night of bingo and fellowship with other tribal youth.

Santa Claus once again made the long trip for the children and gave them a chance to take photos and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

The program joined teams with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Food Distribution office and the tribal legislative offices to visit the communities as well.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program would like to extend a thank you to all participants for attending the activities and events in 2009.

For any questions regarding the R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program assistance and schedule of events please contact the Concho office at (405) 262-0345 ext. 27570 or www.c-a-tribes.org/respect. Thank you.

Black Bean Chili

Cooking with commods

3 pounds lean ground beef or buffalo
1 large onion, chopped
2 garlic cloves, minced
1 (28 ounce) can crushed tomatoes
1 (29 ounce) can tomato puree
1 (28 ounce) can petite diced tomatoes
1 cup frozen whole kernel corn
2 (15 ounce) cans black beans, drained and rinsed
2 tablespoons chili powder
2 teaspoons dried basil
1 teaspoon marjoram
Salt and black pepper to taste

Directions:

In a large soup kettle, brown ground beef. buffalo, onion and garlic; drain excess fat. Add remaining ingredients and stir to combine. Place in crockpot and cook 6 to 8 hours on low or 2 to 3 hours on high. If cooking on stove top, cook on medium until bubbly and then simmer for 2 to 3 hours.

EATING well for DIABETES

By Kristie Purdy, MA, RD/LD
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Label claims

As you're cruising down the aisles of the grocery store, you may notice the "health" claims appearing on the packaging of your favorite brands. It can sometimes be confusing in deciding what products are truly healthy and what products are not. Many products have labels claiming to be "low in calories," or they may say this product is a "good source of." But what exactly is the meaning behind each of these claims? You can become a smart shopper by learning what the meaning is behind many claims commonly seen on food packaging.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has set very strict standards for how certain food label terms can be used. Here are some of the most common claims regulated by the FDA that are seen on food packages and what they mean:

Low calorie: Less than 40 calories

Low cholesterol: Less than 20 mg of cholesterol and 2 gm or less of saturated fat per serving

Reduced: Twenty-five percent less of the specified nutrient or calories than the usual product would provide

Good source of: Provides at least 10 percent of the Daily Value of a particular vitamin or nutrient per serving

Calorie free: Less than five calories per serving

Fat free/sugar free: Less than ½ gram of fat or sugar per serving

Low sodium: Less than 140 mg of sodium per serving

High in: Provides 20 percent or more of the Daily Value of a specified nutrient per serving

High fiber: Five or more grams of fiber per serving

Lean (meat, poultry, seafood): Ten grams of fat or less, 4 ½ grams of saturated fat and less than 95 mg cholesterol per 3 ounce serving

Light: 1/3 fewer calories or ½ the fat of the usual food

Healthy (individual food item): Low fat, low saturated fat, less than 480 mg sodium, less than 95 mg cholesterol and at least 10 percent of the Daily Value of vitamins A and C, iron, protein, calcium and fiber. In addition to the terms listed above, there are other terms that may appear on food labels that are not regulated by the FDA and may or may not be regulated by another agency. Some of these terms may include:

Natural: Neither the FDA nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a formal definition for this term. The FDA has a policy on the term stating that the FDA has not objected to the use of the term on food labels provided it is used in a manner that is truthful and not misleading and the product does not contain added color, artificial flavors or synthetic substances. Use of the term "natural" is not permitted in a product's ingredient list, with the exception of the phrase "natural flavorings."

Processed and Unprocessed: A federal law states the term "processed" refers to food that has undergone a "change of character." Examples include raw nuts (unprocessed) vs. roasted nuts (processed); a head of lettuce (unprocessed) vs. cut, prewashed spinach (processed).

Whole: Neither the FDA nor the USDA has definition to formally define this term. "Whole foods" generally refers to foods that have not been processed nor have they been refined, nor do they have any added ingredients. This generally means the food appears in its most pure form with minimal processing.

Organic: The USDA defines the term organic as organic meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products that come from animals that are not given any antibiotics or growth hormones. Organic plant foods are produced without using most conventional pesticides, fertilizers made with synthetic ingredients or sewage sludge, bioengineering or ionizing radiation. In order for a product to have the term organic on its packaging, a government-approved certifier must inspect the farm to ensure standards are met. The USDA also sets standards for organic handling and processing.

The three levels of organic claims that can be used on food labels are:

One hundred-Percent Organic: These products are ones that are completely organic or made of only organic ingredients. They are able to carry a USDA Organic seal.

Organic: Products carrying this label are ones that are at least 95 percent organic. The USDA Organic seal is used on these products.

Made with Organic Ingredients: These are food products in which at least 70 percent of the ingredients are certified organic. The USDA Organic seal cannot be used on these products.

Becoming familiar with product labeling and terms can help make you a smarter shopper. In addition to looking at the terms used on the packaging, be sure to look at the Nutrition Facts Label to give you the best information.

For questions about nutrition, diabetes or weight management, contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes Wellness Program at (405) 422-7688.

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Protecting Tribal Sovereignty-Critical Issues for Tribal Attorney's and all Tribal Leaders

March 15-16, 2010 at the Monumental Movieland Hotel in Orlando, Fla. For more information or to register visit www.jdaltoninstitute.com/seminars.html.

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March 16-17, 2009 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, La. For more information or to register visit www.nafoa.org.

The 2010 American Indian Parent Conference-Tradition of Life Long Learning and Mapping out a Child's Journey through Education

March 16-17, 2010 at the Glendale Community College in Glendale, Ariz. For more information contact Theresa N. Price at (480) 472-0582 or by email at tnprice@mpsaz.org.

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March 18-19, 2010 at the Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash.

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For more information or to register vist www.nativelegalupdate.com or call (800) 995-5902.

Native Fitness Training Conference

March 25-27, 2010 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, Calif. Register online at www.ali.ou.edu/FitnessTrainings.htm.

The 33rd annual Conference on American Indian Education

March 25-27, 2010 at the Santa Clara Marriott in Santa Clara, Calif. For more information contact Rachel McBride at (530) 895-4212 ext. 110 or visit www. www.indiancountrytoday.com.

The Ninth annual Native Women and Men's Wellness Conference

March 28-April 1, 2010 at the Town and Country Resort in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.ali.ou.edu.

The National Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention

April 6-9, 2010 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif. For more information or to register visit www.indiangaming.org.

The Sixth annual Conference on Endangered Languages and Cultures of Native America

April 9-11, 2010 at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City, Utah. For more information contact Jennifer Mitchell by email at j.mitchell@utah.edu.

Plan of actions to develop a department-wide policy on tribal consultation per president's directive

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) – Secretary Ken Salazar announced Feb. 22, 2010 the Interior Department's plan of actions, as directed by President Barack Obama in his memorandum dated Nov. 5, 2009, to implement Executive Order 13175, Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments, which directs Executive Branch departments and agencies to develop policies on tribal consultation and cooperation.

Under the Department's plan Interior will establish a comprehensive, department-wide policy for meaningful consultation with the nation's 564 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes in accordance with the Executive Order as well as any other applicable statutes and regulations.

"In keeping with president Obama's memorandum of Nov. 5, 2009, I am pleased to announce the Interior Department's plan of actions to develop a department-wide policy on tribal consultation and coordination," Salazar said. "Establishing a comprehensive, department-wide policy for meaningful consultation is vital to our goals of supporting tribal self-determination, ensuring tribal self-government, respecting tribal sovereignty and carrying out our federal trust responsibilities."

The department's plan outlines guiding principles for a comprehensive policy to support Interior, its agencies and bureaus in conducting "regular and meaningful consultation and collaboration" with tribes as stipulated in the executive order and in the presidential memorandum.

The policy will:

· Recognize the special legal status of tribal governments;

· Respect tribal sovereignty and support self-determination and self-governance;

· Honor the trust relationship between the United States and tribal governments;

· Demonstrate Interior's commitment to improving communications while maximizing tribal input and coordination;

· Ensure that Interior consults on a government-to-government basis with appropriate tribal representatives;

· Identify appropriate Interior officials who are knowledgeable about the matters at hand and are authorized to speak for Interior;

· Ensure that Interior's bureaus and offices conduct consultation in a manner consistent with the department-wide policy, thus harmonizing the consultation practices of Interior's bureaus and offices;

· Be clear, understandable, and workable. The plan also includes a separate action item to create a Tribal Consultation Team, comprised of senior Department representatives and tribal leaders.

The Tribal Consultation Team will draft the consultation policy document; ensure compliance with the president's goal and policy of transparency during the policy development process; require the review and evaluation of Interior functions, policies, procedures and practices to identify policies with tribal implications; and require on-going review and comments from the tribes and general public on the draft policy.

The plan also requires the department to identify an official who will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the plan, as well as progress on reporting and compliance with the Executive Order.

The Department official will also be responsible for overseeing the development of supplemental consultation policies specific to each bureau and office and coordinating with other federal departments and agencies to bring greater efficiency and consistency to the consultation process throughout the federal government.

The presidential memorandum directs executive branch departments and agencies to implement Executive Order 13175 dated Nov. 6, 2000. The president signed the memorandum at the White House Tribal Nations Summit held at the Interior Department's headquarters in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 5, 2009.

On Nov. 23, 2009 the department invited tribal leaders to participate in a series of tribal consultation meetings to discuss their experiences with federal consultation efforts, provide suggestions on the department's plan of actions, and make recommendations on improving its consultation practices.

Meetings were held in seven cities from December 2009 through January 2010: Anchorage, Alaska (Dec. 2); Portland, Ore. (Dec. 9); Washington, D.C. (Dec. 14), Fort Snelling, Minn. (Jan. 5); Oklahoma City (Jan. 7); Phoenix, Ariz. (Jan. 12) and Palm Springs, Calif. (Jan. 14).

Approximately 300 tribal representatives and over 250 officials from Interior as well as the U.S. Department of Education, the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of State, the Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies invited by the department to hear the tribes' ideas and concerns attended.

After the draft consultation policy has been circulated to tribes and tribal organizations for review and comment, the department will publish the revised draft in the Federal Register with a 60-day comment period.

Following the department's publishing of the final consultation policy within 90 days of the close of the comment period, the Secretary will issue a Secretarial Order directing all Interior bureaus and offices to comply with the department-wide policy and its guiding principles.

The text for the department's plan of actions can be found on the following Website at Tribal Consultation Plan http://doi.gov/news/pressreleases/upload/DOIConsultationActionPlan.pdf

"Sovereignty, the Future of Indian Nations"

During the Eighth annual State of Indian Nations Address on Jan. 29, 2010, at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., Jefferson Keel, National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) president shared three messages:

"First, the nature and value of the sovereignty of Indian Nations; Second, a brief inventory of the significant challenges we face; And, third, what some of the solutions are, working in partnership on a Nation-to-Nation basis with the federal government," he said.

Below are excerpts from his speech:

The Nature and Value of Sovereignty

First, on sovereignty itself: Let there be no confusion about the relationship between Indian Nations and the United States.

Indian Nations are sovereign nations with formal governments, and have been for thousands of years. This inherent sovereignty is recognized in Article I of the Constitution: "The Congress shall have power to... regulate commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes." Over 200 years of Supreme Court decisions have consistently held that Indian tribes retain the inherent sovereignty to govern our people and our lands.

Just like every other government, Indian tribes have the authority to make their own laws and enforce them for the safety and welfare of their communities. In addition, tribal governments are dedicated to protecting our unique Indian cultures and ways of life. The fundamental bond is the same: tribal governments represent, and are accountable to, the citizens who elect them.

Sovereignty has practical and tangible benefits for Indians and for the United States as a whole.

It is the self-determined path to economic growth, and to addressing chronic unemployment, education, crime, and so many of the problems our citizens face in their daily lives. It contributes to the cultural diversity of the United States, and promotes voices and perspectives that may solve some of the nation's many challenges.

I am pleased to report that the Administration and Congress have taken important steps to recognize our sovereignty and the proper authority of our governments.

As they say in Washington, we are taking our rightful place at the table--and we are seeing progress. Last December, a proposed settlement of the Cobell v. Salazar suit was finally made to remedy the Federal government's failure to account for Indian trust funds.

In November, the National Congress of American Indians opened our Embassy of Tribal Nations. For the first time, tribal nations have a permanent home in Washington, D.C., where we can more effectively assert our sovereign status and facilitate a much stronger Nation-to-Nation relationship with the federal government.

This historic opening coincided with the first annual White House Tribal Nations Conference. It is an understatement to say that this was a historic day for Indian Country. I again want to thank President Barack Obama for living up to his campaign promise to hold this meeting, and I thank members of the Administration for their commitment to addressing our most pressing issues.

At that meeting, we saw the first of many action steps that need to be taken: President Obama's directive to every Cabinet agency to provide him with a detailed plan to improve tribal consultation.

Since that meeting, we have been working with federal agencies to strengthen the Nation-to-Nation relationship, because we understand that it is not a one-way street.

We come as participants and fellow players in American civic life. Indian Nations have a record of innovation and achievement.

For example, in spite of severe disparities in funding for Indian health programs, tribes have developed pioneering practices for telemedicine and for the treatment of diabetes, and have created a groundbreaking program to deliver dental care to remote areas, a program that could serve as a model for the entire country.

Though, because of our distinct and spiritual relationships with our land, Indian peoples are disproportionately impacted by climate change and environmental degradation, we are innovators in the field of natural resource management, and offer our traditional knowledge to the toolbox of solutions to climate change. Our environmental stewardship has led to achievements, such as the Red Lake walleye recovery-the largest freshwater fish species recovery in modern-day America.

Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Indian Nations have:

• delivered healthcare on the edge of the Arctic Circle;

• expanded the Nisqually fishing economy in the Puget Sound through diving and technology;

• created as many as 300 jobs on the Colville Reservation by restoring the transportation infrastructure for timber; and

• much more.

Significant Challenges We Face

I want to bring your attention to one of the most egregious and under-reported crises in Indian Country.

Day after day, we hear about America's unemployment crisis-particularly after the jobless rate has skyrocketed above 10 percent. I agree, it is a crisis.

I know that because on Indian reservations and in Alaska Native villages, unemployment is above 50 percent.

And that's not just due to this recession. The Indian unemployment rate on reservations has been at or above 50 percent for decades.

The effect is like dominoes falling. Indian Country suffers from higher rates of substance abuse, domestic violence, suicide, and teen births than the rest of the country, a higher rate of mental health issues, a greater concentration of conditions such as diabetes and obesity, and our rates of poverty and incarceration are well above the national average.

Our needs are just like yours: we want a normal daily life and meaningful opportunities. Yet for decades, tribal peoples have been denied these opportunities. They experience daily circumstances most Americans would never tolerate. The Jobs bill is an important vehicle to address the severe and immediate unemployment problem in Indian Country.

Seven Actions for The Administration

These actions will create jobs, expand healthcare, improve education, address crime, and more. All they require is action by the Administration--and I call on the Administration to act on these matters in the next 12 months.

First, take action to restore tribal lands and allow us to use our land as we see fit.

Second, is to address law enforcement.

Third, is to guarantee equal treatment under the law by granting tribal governments the same treatment as state and local governments on tax and finance matters.

Fourth, is an investment in our children so that they grow into healthy youth and become the next generation of tribal leaders, community members, and business leaders.

Fifth, is to ensure effective distribution of funds to tribal governments.

Sixth, is interagency coordination to improve tribal infrastructure.

Finally, we need the Administration to support a legislative fix for last year's Carcieri decision by the Supreme Court. This touches on a lot of issues, but especially on the ability of tribal governments to carry out land development. We need clear and fair rules on our legal status and our ability to pursue contracts and loans so we can carry out economic development.

These seven actions will have a real and immediate effect on improving life in Indian communities. At this time next year, I hope to report on seven clear successes.

To read the entire speech, visit www.ncai.org.

Calendar of Events

Public Hearing

From 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday March 2, 2010, in the large conference room at the main complex in Concho, Okla. Concerning regular legislative business.

Public Hearing

From 10 a.m. to noon on Thursday March 4, 2010, at the Geary Community Hall in Geary, Okla. Concerning regular legislative business.

Native American Exmployement Training Focus Group

11 a.m. Thursday March 4, 2010 at the Community Center in Concho, Okla. A special invitation to all displaced veterans to attend.

Oversight hearing

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, March 5, 2010, in the large conference room at the main complex in Concho, Okla. Concerning Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Resolution No. 021096TC005.

Oklahoma Indian Evangelism Conference

At 7 p.m. March 5, 2010 at Glorieta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. March Madness Youth Rally will feature DJ Darren Scott and Joshua Street among others. There will also be a co-ed b-ball tournament. For more information, contact Jay Mule at (580) 340-1672.

El Reno Arts and History Weekend

March 5-6, 2010 in downtown El Reno. Live entertainment, fine arts, arts demonstration, children's activities, and food. For more information call (405) 823-0307 or visit www.elrenotourism.org.

Angeline Spottedcorn Pratt Memorial Dance

March 6, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 4 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. For more information, call Sandra Pratt at (405) 884-2592, Stephen Pratt at (405) 884-2103 or Frankie Gilbert at (405) 884-2102.

The annual Peoria Tribe Stomp Dance

At 7 p.m. on March 6, 2010. Festival of Native American Dance held the first weekend in March. For more information, call (918) 540-2535.

The 2010 American Indian Festival of Words

From 10 a.m. to noon March 6, 2010. Circle of Honor ceremony honoring Billy Mills at the Tulsa Central Library, 4th and Denver, in Tulsa, Okla. For additional events in March, visit www.tulsalibrary.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 community meeting

For the Concho and El Reno area at 6:30 p.m. March 11, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.

Third Legislature Regular Session

At 9 a.m. March 13, 2010 in the large conference room at the tribal complex in Concho, Okla.

Homecoming Dance

For Cpl. Allen Roman Nose on March 13, 2010 at the Watonga Fairgrounds. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m. Dinner at 5 p.m. Grand entry at 7 p.m.

Memorial Dance for Arapaho Chief Clinton Youngbear, Sr.

March 13, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 3 p.m. and supper served at 5 p.m.

OKC Powwow Club Benefit Dance

From 2 to 11 p.m. March 13, 2010 at the American Legion Building, 1010 W. Main Street, in Yukon, Okla. Gourd dance from 2 to 11 p.m. Supper from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Fundraiser for 60th annual Indian Hills powwow July 23-25, 2010. Vendors can contact Glenn Rollo at (405) 885-2569.

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 community meeting

For the Kingfisher and Okarche area at 7 p.m. March 16, 2010 at the Rose State Bank Community Room, 1209 S. Main Street, in Kingfisher, Okla. For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.

Denver March powwow

March 19-21, 2010 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. For more information call (303) 934-8045 or visit www.denvermarchpowwow.org

Honor Wedding Dance

For Luay Shayya and Sara Roya Shadaram on March 20, 2010 at the Concho Community Building in Concho, Okla. Blessing by Cheyenne Arrowkeeper Bill Red Hat, Jr., Cheyenne wedding ceremony 1 p.m., Dinner at 2 p.m., Dance to follow at 3 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Concho Employee Reunion

For all former Concho, BIA, IHS and school employees and families. Begins at noon on March 20, 2010 at the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' education building in El Reno, Okla. Remember to take pictures for display, a gift for the gag gift exchange and a favorite dish for the potluck dinner. For more information, e-mail Becky Dyer at lipsofine49@yahoo.com.

Randy Travis concert

At 7:30 p.m. March 21, 2010 at Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla.

Guru's attorneys argue against $5 million bail

(CAMP VERDE, Ariz.) - An accounting fraud examiner who testified in the hearing of a motivational speaker seeking to reduce bail in his manslaughter case said Feb. 23, 2010 that James Arthur Ray's net worth was a ``conservative'' $2.4 million, a figure Ray's attorneys contend was overstated.

Richard Echols provided testimony for the prosecution in a hearing to determine whether Ray's $5 million bail should be reduced. Ray's attorneys have said he cannot afford the bail, has no criminal history, and isn't a threat to public safety or a flight risk.

Ray has pleaded not guilty to three counts of manslaughter stemming from the deaths of three participants who attended a sweat lodge ceremony he led last year near Sedona. If convicted, he faces up to 12 1/2 years on each count, with probation being an option.

Ray's attorneys have asked a judge to either release Ray on his own recognizance coupled with the surrender of his passport or have bail set at a minimum. He has been jailed about three weeks.

Echols examined financial documents that Ray's attorneys provided to authorities in determining the net worth. The $2.4 million figure includes more than $500,000 in trust funds, $240,000 in retirement accounts, equity in properties and a $1.5 stock value in a company Ray created in 2009 to purchase a Beverly Hills mansion, Echols said.

The values for Ray's vehicles and furnishings for office buildings, which weren't available, could further increase his net worth, Echols said.

Echols also testified that Ray moved around money from several bank accounts shortly after the October sweat lodge ceremony, including nearly $1 million in legal fees that Echols did not figure in to the net worth. Other financial assets could not be accounted for, he said.

Luis Li, an attorney for Ray, contended that Ray wasn't hiding anything because all of his financial documents were voluntarily handed over to authorities, including some information from tax returns.

Regardless of the equity or value of the Beverly Hills home Ray purchased for $4 million and recently put up for sale, Li said a bail bondsman valued it at only $200,000.

Ray's attorneys say his finances have plummeted because of legal fees and payments to creditors. His Carlsbad, California-based company, James Ray International, is operating at a loss, employees were laid off and Ray could lose the office space, Li said.

A statement of net worth obtained by The Associated Press from the court shows Ray is severely in debt and worth negative $4.2 million. The document is now officially sealed.

When asked whether the document was accurate, Echols responded that it wasn't and said Ray's personal liabilities and assets should have been separated from those of the entities he has created.

Prosecutors allege Ray recklessly crammed more than 50 participants of his ``Spiritual Warrior'' event near Sedona into a 415-square-foot (38.5-square-meter) sweat lodge, a small heated enclosure used in traditional American Indian ceremonies to cleanse the body.

Many participants have said Ray chided them for wanting to leave, even as people were vomiting, getting burned by hot rocks and lying unconscious on the ground.

Three people died and 18 others were hospitalized.

Ray's attorneys have called the deaths a tragic accident and said he took all the necessary precautions and immediately tended to the ill.

Novel by Native American writer will be movie

(MISSOULA, Mont.) - A novel by celebrated American Indian writer James Welch is being made into a movie, and hundreds of people are showing up at auditions hoping to land a part.

Filmmakers and brothers Alex and Andrew Smith, who are twins, said they plan to start filming the movie based on the novel ``Winter in the Blood'' in July, and that it will be shot entirely in Montana.

Hasalyn Harris, the film's public relations director, said the cast will be exclusively Native American, and mostly from Montana.

``I think they're wanting it to be as authentic as possible,'' she said Saturday as she took in hundreds of applications at the casting call at the University of Montana's University Center.

The novel by Welch, published in 1974, is described as a key book in the Native American Renaissance that began in the 1960s.

It is set on the Fort Belknap Reservation and follows one man's struggle to find his identity and roots in a modern world while dealing with self-doubt and addiction.

Welch was born in 1940 at Browning to a Blackfeet father and a Gros Ventre mother and grew up mainly on the Fort Belknap Reservation. Welch died in 2003 at age 62.

``I would love to see it as a movie, period,'' said Lois Welch, a retired University of Montana literature professor and widow of James. ``I'm really touched about the way they've been able to keep it so close to the text.''

Alex and Andrew Smith, and writer Ken White, wrote the screenplay for the movie.

Mathew Weasel, 13, of Missoula, was one of those trying to land a part.

``I don't really know what's going to happen,'' he said. ``I'm just going to try my best.''

Perry Lilley Sr. was hoping to land the role of Lame Bull. He said he appeared in movies and on television in the past before drugs and alcohol ended his career.

``My wife told me about this, and my dreams flashed before me again,'' Lilley said. ``I get an opportunity to do this again, this time drug and alcohol free. Thank the Creator.''

Another casting call is planned in the coming months in eastern Montana.

Welch wrote about being an Indian in modern American society, and with each of his books came more accolades, a growing fan club and an international following that led to speaking invitations across Europe.

Welch's works were translated into French, and he was given France's Knight of the Order of Arts and Letters medal.

Racing panel asks Henry to review purse fund flap

(OKLAHOMA CITY) - The Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission voted Thursday Feb. 18, 2010 to ask Gov. Brad Henry to look into concerns from state horsemen that two American Indian tribes might not be paying the proper amount into a Tulsa-area purse fund.

The commission unanimously decided to have Senior Assistant Attorney General Neal Leader, the commission's general counsel, draft a letter for the commission that will be sent to Henry's office, requesting an investigation.

The action came after two state horsemen's groups sent a letter to the commission earlier this month, saying the revenue received for the Tulsa Area Tribal Purse Fund dropped by more than $2 million last year, even as tribal gaming revenues continued to grow.

As a part of their gaming compacts with the state, the Cherokee, Muscogee (Creek) and Osage nations - which have gaming operations in the Tulsa area - pay into the fund, as well as Fair Meadows racetrack in Tulsa, a percentage of adjusted gross revenues from their gaming machines in the area.

In return, the state bans Fair Meadows from having gaming machines, as do other state racetracks.

The fund is used to boost purses for horsemen who race at Fair Meadows and other Oklahoma tracks.

The Thoroughbred Racing Association of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Quarter Horse Racing Association said in the Feb. 10 letter that they met with state Treasurer Scott Meacham last May about the issue, but that Meacham hadn't responded to their attempts to follow up on the issue.

Tim Allen, Meacham's deputy treasurer for policy and administration, disputed that contention. He said Thursday that the groups hadn't tried to contact Meacham ``in a long time. ... We don't ignore inquiries here.''

In the letter, the horsemen's groups said Meacham told them in May that ``it was his opinion that the tribal entity had improperly redefined the requirements for income to be reported.''

The letter said the Creek and Osage nations ``have had ongoing issues with the timeliness of their remittances'' to the fund. Debbie Schauf, executive director of the quarter horse group, said during the commission meeting that the Creek Nation hadn't paid into the fund during two months of 2009 because the tribe felt it had overpaid in previous months.

A message left with an Osage Nation representative wasn't immediately returned and a Creek Nation spokesman couldn't be reached for comment. Schauf said after the meeting that the horsemen's groups didn't have an issue with payments made into the fund by the Cherokee Nation.

Panel: Strip search of Indians not discrimination

(BILLINGS, Mont.) - The Montana Human Rights Commission has rejected a discrimination complaint filed by American Indians who were subjected to group strip searches at a privately run prison in Shelby.

Guards at the Crossroads Correctional Center in 2008 made the inmates strip before and after their traditional sweat lodge ceremonies.

Prison officials said they suspected the ceremonies were being used to move contraband, although none was ever found.

The prison denied the inmates were discriminated against, and the state Department of Corrections later agreed, with an investigation concluding the guards acted appropriately.

The prison is run by Nashville, Tenn.-based Corrections Corp. of America.

``It was our feeling that (strip searches) were used appropriately,'' Department of Corrections spokesman Bob Anez said. ``We continue to work with Crossroads officials to ensure the ongoing fair and appropriate management of all offenders.''

Helena attorney Ron Waterman said he represents roughly 30 Indian who were strip searched.

Following the commission's 3-2 ruling Thursday, he said his clients were considering taking their case to state or federal court.

``This was a series of strip searches conducted as people were going to exercise religious practices,'' Waterman said. ``Fundamentally, we believe there was discrimination.''

Suspicions that the inmates were moving contraband were nothing more than a pretext to discriminate against the inmates, he said.

The state investigation into the treatment of Indians at Crossroads followed an ongoing human rights complaint from The American Civil Liberties Union.

In addition to confirming the strip searches, a May report that resulted from that investigation highlighted poor conditions at the sweat-lodge grounds, inappropriate comments from guards about the Indian ceremonies and a lack of attention to inmate grievances.

Tribal economic development bonds allocated

The second billion-dollar tranche of Tribal Economic Development Bonds has been allocated by the government, with the funding authorization being spread over 76 projects for tribes throughout the country.

The largest dollar allocation for any single project in this financing tranche is $30,000,000.00, which was authorized for five projects, with the remainder receiving smaller authorizations.

Examples of approved projects in the second allocation round include:

*Campo Band of Mission Indians in California: $30,000,000.00 for Renewable Energy, Tourism, and Wastewater Facilities

*Delaware Nation in Oklahoma: $27,253,437.90 for Retail, Industrial, Tourism, Housing, and Renewable Energy Facilities.

*Ohkay Owingeh in New Mexico: $22,913,488.65 for Refinancing, Recreational, Governmental, and Commercial Facilities.

*Yankton Sioux Tribe in South Dakota: $10,934,616.39 for Retail, Farming, Renewable Energy, Tourism, and Governmental Facilities.

*Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in Oregon: $5,330,048.86 for Health Facilities.

*Skokomish Indian Tribe in Washington: $1,822,436.05 for Refinancing.

Allocation Schedule of first Tranche of Tribal Economic Development Bonds

*Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Refinancing $13,162,968.27.

*Apsaalooke Nation--Crow Tribe of Indians/Commercial Facility and Land/$6,419,391.58

Acquisition

*Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation/ Refinancing and Acquisition of $22,565,088.46.

Tourism Facility

*Cabazon Band of Mission Indians/Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Cedar Band of Paiute Indians of Utah/Retail Facility $10,530,374.62.

*Chemehuevi Indian Tribe of the Chemehuevi Reservation Tourism Facility and Marina $15,795,561.92.

*Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians/Water Infrastructure $1,504,339.23.

*Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians / Refinancing $8,574,733.62.

*Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation/ Tourism Facility Expansion $22,565,088.46

*Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon/Water Infrastructure and Tourism Facility Improvements $22,565,088.46.

*Delaware Tribe of Indians/ Acquisition of Businesses and Airpark $22,565,088.46.

*Elk Valley Rancheria, California/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Fort Sill Apache Tribe of Oklahoma/Tourism Facility Expansion $22,565,088.46.

*Hopland Band of Pomo Indians of the Hopland Rancheria, California/Tourism Facility $22,561,504.38.

*Ione Band of Miwok Indians/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Kaw Nation/Water Infrastructure $22,565,088.46.

*Kickapoo Traditional Tribe of Texas/ Refinancing and Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*La Jolla Band of Luiseno Mission Indians/ Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians/Refinancing and Building $7,521,696.15.

Construction/Remodeling

*Lummi Nation/Environmental and $22,565,088.46.

Transportation Infrastructure

*Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin/ Tourism Facility and Convention $22,565,088.46.

Center Expansion

*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe/Education Facility $6,279,393.17.

*Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe/Education Facility $2,632,593.65.

*Oneida Nation of New York/ Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin/Retail Facility Improvements $902,603.54.

*Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin/Recreational Facility $9,402,120.19.

*Improvements and Refinancing Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin/ Refinancing $4,889,102.50.

*Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Pauma Band of Luiseno Mission Indians/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Pit River Tribe/Retail Facility $3,760,848.08.

*Poarch Band of Creek Indians/ Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Ponca Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Pueblo of Acoma/Manufacturing Facility $8,273,865.77.

*Pueblo of Isleta/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Quechan Indian Tribe/Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Sac & Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa/Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community/Recreational Facility $22,565,088.46.

*San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Santa Clara Pueblo/Tourism Facility Expansion and $22,565,088.46.

Refinancing

*Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska/Health Facility $13,539,053.08.

*Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians/Refinancing $8,161,040.33.

*Seminole Tribe of Florida/Parking Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Southern Ute Indian Tribe/ Refinancing $22,565,088.46.

*Spokane Tribe of Indians/ Tourism Facility, Infrastructure, $22,565,088.46.

Manufacturing Facility, and Low Income Housing

*Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (Ute Mountain Tribe of the Ute Mountain/ Tourism Facility Reservation) $22,565,088.46.

*Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians/Tourism Facility $22,565,088.46.

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska/Tourism Facility $13,539,053.08.

*Yankton Sioux Tribe/ Tourism Facility and Convention $10,530,374.62.

*Center Yankton Sioux Tribe/Corrections Facility $4,513,017.69.

*Yankton Sioux Tribe/ Administrative Offices $7,521,696.15.

Total of 51 disclosed applications $856,967,985.42

Total of seven non-disclosed applications $143,032,014.44

Total of 58 Applications $999,999,999.86

Note: This list contains the allocations awarded to those applicants that provided disclosure consent. The seven non-disclosed applicants did not provide a disclosure consent with their applications.

Crow Creek Sioux tribe launches telephone system

(FORT THOMPSON, S.D.) - A tribally owned telephone system is up and running on the Crow Creek Indian Reservation.

Native American Telecom-Crow Creek provides telephone and advanced broadband service on the reservation. The Crow Creek Sioux Tribe launched the venture in September.

Tribal officials say it will pave the way for business, economic, social and educational development on the reservation.

Broken by failures in the past?

Why do I keep doing this to myself? Think that you are alone?

Think that is just the way I am. Turn to God for help and healing. The Bible is the greatest book on **RECOVERY**.

The "12 Step Overcomers Group" meets at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Geary Indian Community Building.

Meal served after meeting. For more information: Call Lydia at (405) 837-6755.

Art applications available for 2010 Red Earth Festival

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Red Earth, Inc. is accepting applications for artists wishing to participate in the 2010 Red Earth Native American Cultural Festival juried art market scheduled Father's Day Weekend, June 18-20, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center in downtown Oklahoma City. Applications are due no later than March 31, 2010.

Throughout its 24-year history the Red Earth Festival has garnered numerous awards including recognition as one of North America's Top 100 Events by the American Bus Association, Oklahoma's Outstanding Event by the Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department, and Central Oklahoma's Outstanding Event by Frontier Country Marketing Association.

Nearly 300 juried artists from throughout the U.S. are expected to participate in the art market at the annual Red Earth Festival.

Art applicants must submit their artwork for jury into the show, and are required to provide a tribal membership card, Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood, official document certifying Indian artisan, or federal, state, or tribal document establishing Indian lineage.

The Red Earth Festival art market features competition and exhibitor divisions and categories including cultural items; painting, drawing, graphics and photography; jewelry; pottery; sculpture; and clothing, textiles and weaving.

Red Earth will award prize money to winners of the juried art competition in more than 18 categories.

An awards ceremony is scheduled Friday morning, June 18, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center. The Grand Award, Red Earth's highest art award, will be presented during the ceremony along with the President's Award and Kathleen Everett Upshaw Award.

The juried art competition and dance competition at the Red Earth Festival has established Oklahoma City as a Native American art and cultural center, rivaling other American cities as a showcase of fine Indian art. Utilizing the formula provided by the Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Commission, the 2009 Red Earth Festival provided a more than $8 million economic impact to the city.

Art applications and guidelines can be obtained from www.redearth.org or by calling (405) 427-5228.

Tribal college basketball tournament travels to Santa Fe

(SANTA FE, N.M.) – The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) National Basketball Tournament will travel from March 18 to 21, 2010 to Santa Fe, NM for the first time in its 29 year history.

The Institute of American Indian Arts' (IAIA) Fitness and Wellness Director Eva Flying is serving as the tournament's volunteer coordinator. IAIA is a member of the AIHEC.

Over 20 men's and women's teams representing tribal colleges from across the country will participate. Games will be held at local pueblo-owned sports facilities, including the Pueblo of Pojoaque. The College of Santa Fe's gymnasium will serve as a game site, as well.

Flying says, "IAIA is really excited to host the AIHEC Basketball Tournament this year. We hope to provide our tournament guests a 'March Madness' style event that will showcase each tribal college's athletic abilities and basketball skills.

Because of our unique geographic location and partnerships with the local tribal communities, the tournament will also provide a meaningful cultural experience for the teams and their visiting families, many of whom will be traveling to Santa Fe for the first time."

For people new to native style basketball, Flying notes there are things that make the games distinct and all the more worthwhile to attend.

"The 'run and gun' style of native basketball is exciting and athletic. The teams work really hard to get here. They practice at odd hours and have to fundraise all year to get here. This tournament is their reward, their 'hoop dreams' are realized here."

The AIHEC was founded in 1972 by the presidents of the nation's first six tribal colleges as an informal collaboration among member colleges. Through AIHEC, tribal colleges nurtured a common vision and learned to see themselves as a national movement. Today, AIHEC has grown to represent 36 colleges in the United States and one Canadian institution.

For more information about the tournament, call (505) 424-2306 or visit www.aihecchampionship.org

Re-Birth of Cool

SWAIA ushers in the modern age of native art

(SANTA FE, N.M.) Native Modern: Contemporary Native Art and Design Exhibit Series is a new collaborative project between Legends Santa Fe and Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA).

The series of exhibits will debut a new show every month at Legends Santa Fe from April to October 2010. SWAIA and Legends Santa Fe will seek distinctive and previously untested ways of bringing Native artists together from across cultures, media and themes.

Who: Legends Santa Fe and the Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA)

What: Native Modern: Contemporary Native Art and Design Exhibit Series Debut

Where: Legends Gallery: 143 Lincoln Ave. Santa Fe, N.M. (505) 983-5639

When: From 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, April 2, 2010

How Much: Free

The shows, like Indian Market, will be at once traditional and brimming with innovative ideas. The result will be the presentation of native art unlike anything else in Santa Fe.

The Native Modern debut show, "Precious Metal" will showcase contemporary jewelry designs from the world's most acclaimed Native American jewelry designers including Pat Pruitt, Michael Roanhorse, Robin Waynee, Cody Sanderson and Fritz Casuse. Each of these artists represents a vast worldview with rich and profound tethers to their respective backgrounds but produce exquisite modern jewelry that blow apart reductive definitions of native art. "Precious Metal" exemplifies the contemporary spirit in native design and the underlying force of the Native Modern series.

If 2009's Santa Fe Indian Market wasn't a clear indication of new things to come, the Native Modern exhibition series at Legends Santa Fe is a sure exclamation point on SWAIA's burgeoning Renaissance. Throughout this year and beyond, SWAIA will introduce new yearlong programs designed to reshape, if not destroy, perceptions and misconceptions about native art and native people. SWAIA's signature program, the Santa Fe Indian Market, will remain the central focus for the organization. Nevertheless, Indian Market will become part of a vast and exciting new landscape in SWAIA's bold future.

The 2010 Native Modern Series Opening Schedule:

Against the Grain: Mixed Media - May 7

Paper and Glass: Photography, Glass - June 4

Earth, Wind, and Fire: Pottery - July 2

One + One = Two: Collaboration - Aug. 6

Ahead of the Curve: SWAIA Fellowship and Best of Show - Sept. 3

Changing the Face: Celebrated Female Native Artists - Oct. 1

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He also said he's interested in wind energy and solar power for his new home, and in the future he would like to convert the garage into another room in order to have more space for ceremonial purposes.

"My job is to pray for people," Red Hat, Cheyenne Arrowkeeper, said. "I have to put the people first, then my relatives and then family."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's Gov. Janice Boswell and the tribe's acting Department of Administration Director Ida Hoffman were some of the people who showed up to welcome Red Hat and his family into his new home. Red Hat invited them to tour his home and Boswell told Red Hat she was glad he has a new home.

Red Hat allowed the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* to take his picture inside his new kitchen, before he began discussing final details with Housing Authority personnel and the inspector.

After family and friends toured Red Hat's new home, everyone sat down to share a meal together.

As Red Hat gave the blessing, he briefly explained his duties to the tribal people and thanked everyone for taking care of him and his family.

"I'm pretty happy and kind of nervous. I'm thankful for all of you to come eat with us and share our little happiness we got here today," Red Hat, a Marine veteran, said. "Thank you again."

Medical clinic on its way to Eagle Butte

(EAGLE BUTTE, S.D.) - A pre-built medical clinic is finally on its way to the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation community of Eagle Butte, after weeks of delay.

A moving company began the trip from Fort Pierre on Monday, Feb. 15, 2010.

The 26-room clinic had been ready to move since early January, but bad weather including last month's ice storm caused a delay. The storm and a blizzard that followed left thousands on the reservation without water and electricity.

The moving company was to complete the move on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. Officials expect the clinic to be ready for use in about two weeks.

Lawmakers OK revenue source for tribal projects

(SANTA FE, N.M.) - New Mexico will earmark part of its yearly bond financing for tribal capital improvement projects under legislation heading to Gov. Bill Richardson.

The proposal received final approval in the Legislature on Wednesday when it passed the Senate.

Under the measure, 5 percent of the state's severance tax bond financing will be set aside each year for infrastructure project on tribal lands. That will provide an estimated $11 million in the 2012 budget year, when the proposal is to take effect.

Supporters say New Mexico's Indian tribes and pueblos have extensive needs for infrastructure improvements, including drinking water systems. Native Americans represent about 10 percent of New Mexico's population.

Yakama Nation investigates deaths of 11 horses

(TOPPENISH, Wash.) - Yakama Nation police are investigating the deaths of at least 11 horses near the southern boundary of the tribe's reservation over the last few months.

Tribal Council Chairman Harry Smiskin tells the Yakima Herald-Republic that few details are available, including whether the deaths are related. Motorists have reported seeing the carcasses from Highway 97 in the Satus Pass area, where thousands of wild horses roam in herds.

Speculation has focused on whether the horses were killed as bait by eagle hunters. The birds have been seen picking at the carcasses, and although eagle hunting is illegal, selling the feathers can be lucrative.

CALENDAR of Events

Cheyenne and Arapaho District 2 community meeting

For the Calumet and Geary area at 6:30 p.m. March 25, 2010 at the Geary Community Building in Geary, Okla. For more information call the C-2 district office at (405) 422-7595 or 7573, or the A-2 district office at (405) 422-7419 or 7431.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes comprehensive planning meeting

At 10 a.m. March 25, 2010 at the tribes education building in El Reno, Okla. and at 1:30 p.m. in the Watonga Community Building in Watonga, Okla. For more information, call (405) 422-7620.

The 2010 Miss, Jr, and Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City competition/performance

At 6:30 p.m. March 26, 2010 at the Destiny Christian Center, 3801 SE 29th St. Del City, Okla. For more information, call Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227. Visit www.misindianokc.org or www.okcic.com.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes comprehensive planning meeting

At 10 a.m. March 26, 2010 at the Hammon Community Building in Hammon, Okla. and at 1:30 p.m. at the Clinton Senior Center in Clinton, Okla. For more information, call (405) 422-7620.

Josiah Sage's fourth birthday dance

March 27, 2010 at the Sax & Fox powwow grounds, 5 ½ miles south of Stroud, Okla. Gourd dancing at 2 p.m., dinner at 5 p.m. and grand entry at 7 p.m. All vendors and drums welcome. For more information, call Sylvia Exendine at (918) 987-0084.

Paranormal Conference

March 27, 2010 at the Centre Theatre in El Reno, Okla. For more information visit www.ghouli.org.

Ninth annual To Bridge A Gap Conference

March 29-April 1, 2010 at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, Okla. Hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation in collaboration with the National Forest Service. For more information, contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at (918) 732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at (918) 732-7835, johnniej@muscogeenation-nsn.gov or visit www.muscogeenation-nsn.gov.

Third annual "Preparing for the seventh generation: The journey continues in commercial tobacco control"

April 7, 8, 9, 2010 at the National Center for Employee Development, 2801 State Highway 9 in Norman, Okla. No registration fee.

Oklahoma City University Native American Society annual spring contest powwow

April 10, 2010 at the OCU Freede Wellness Center in Oklahoma City.

Gathering of Nations powwow

April 22-24, 2010 at the University of New Mexico football field in Albuquerque, N.M. (Across the street from the Pit). Application deadline for Miss Indian World Pageant is March 20, 2010. Visit www.gatheringofnations.com for more information.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Pioneer Days

April 23-24, 2010 in Hammon, Okla. Parade, Cheyenne-Arapaho run, rodeo, carnival, fireworks, dance, arts and crafts, quilt show, flea market, cook-off, and more. For more information, call Edward Timms at (580) 488-2939.

OIN Princess Coronation Dance

May 8, 2010 at Darlington School. For more information, contact Dara Franklin, at (405) 924-2787 or 262-5131 or Christine Morton at (405) 476-1134 or 422-7545.

Tunica-Biloxi powwow

May 14-16, 2010 in Marksville, La. on the Chief Joseph Alcide powwow grounds – Tuncia-Buloxi reservation. Dance and drum competitions. For more information call (800) 946-1946 or visit tunicapowwow.org.

Chilocco Indian School 126th reunion

June 11, 2010 at Embassy Suites, 1815 S. Meridian, in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 392-5536 or (405) 377-3587.

Tinker Inter-Tribal Council powwow

June 12, 2010 at Joe Barnes Regional Park in Midwest City, Okla. For more information, call (405) 733-3587.

Red Earth Festival

June 18-20, 2010 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information, call (405) 427-5228 or visit www.redearth.org

Indian Hills powwow

July 23-25, 2010

The **Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Committee** is accepting princess candidate applications for 2010.

Age categories are: Senior (between ages 14-19 years of age); Junior (between 7-13 years of age); and Tiny Tot (between 1-6 years of age). OIN Committee will count penny votes in April at Darlington School (date to be determined).

The Princess Coronation Dance will be held May 8, 2010 at Darlington School. Applications are available from the following OIN Committee Members:

- Dara Franklin, 1801 David Drive, El Reno, OK 73036 (405) 924-2787 or 262-5131.
- Christine Morton, 512 Lynn Drive, El Reno, OK 73036 (405) 476-1134 or 422-7545.

Class unto themselves - SWAIA awards 2010 artist fellowships

(SANTA FE, N.M.) The Southwestern Association for Indian Arts (SWAIA) is primarily known as the producer of the Santa Fe Indian Market. For almost 90 years, the Indian Market has been the progenitor of Native art and design. What may not be obvious on the surface, however, is SWAIA's organizational role as a true advocate for native artists. One of its primary directives is to support Native through various educational programs.

Since 1980, the SWAIA Fellowship Program has been the centerpiece of support and guidance for emerging and established Native artists. Thirty years later the fellowship program has been reinvented to provide unprecedented access and resources to native artists like no other program in the world.

SWAIA is proud to introduce the 2010 artist fellowship winners. Paired with the prestige and power of the Santa Fe Indian Market, the SWAIA fellows are poised to transcend the limits of native expression. The artists will be presented with their awards at SWAIA's honoring reception on Thursday, June 10, 2010.

The fellowships have been divided into two categories: Residency fellowships / discovery fellowships and residency fellowship.

In collaboration with the Santa Fe Art Institute, SWAIA has established the SWAIA residency fellowships-a one-month residency for native artists during August 2010.

"The Santa Fe Art Institute is pleased and proud to collaborate with SWAIA on the newly developed Residency Fellowship Program. SWAIA's history of recognizing and honoring excellence in the arts, and working to support the careers of emerging and established native artists meshes beautifully with the SFAI's fundamental goal of supporting the contemporary art and artists that make a difference in the world," Michelle Laflamme-Childs, Residency and Marketing/PR director for SFAI said.

The 2010 SWAIA Residency Fellowship Winners:

Hoka Skenandore (Oneida/Ogala/Luiseno) Painter.

"I feel honored that SWAIA has chosen me as one of the three recipients of the residency fellowship, and feel that the organization has honored its commitment to showcasing contemporary art and artists. Being able to work alongside other artists at the Santa Fe Art Institute also shows the importance of Native American Art in the larger art community."

Hoka Skenadore was born in Santa Fe in 1982 at the Indian Hospital. He grew up in Albuquerque with a short stint at the Laguna Reservation where his mother taught school. As a pre-teen Skenadore began to enter local arts contests and won one with a drawing that was later turned into a billboard. By high school, he had developed a keen interest in graffiti art and finished his high school years studying street art at an alternative high school in Albuquerque.

After graduation Skenadore worked at VSA Arts of New Mexico, a non-profit arts organization dedicated to working with adults with disabilities. As an Americorps volunteer he met master muralist, A.G. Joe Stephenson, who became his mentor and teacher. In 2001, Skenadore participated in his first SWAIA Indian Market, and was awarded second place in the New Directions Category for painting. He completed his BFA in Studio Arts at IAIA in 2006 and currently works in the sign industry in Albuquerque. His work was most recently shown at the Berlin Gallery in Phoenix, Ariz.

Peterson Yazzie (Dine) Painter.

"I have invested a lot of time and effort to get my art to where it's at, with no short cuts. I am very happy and excited to finally have my art seen by the larger public, on a stage as grand as the SWAIA Fellowship! When I started painting I started with nothing more than hope and effort, I didn't have a well-known or legendary family name to build my name upon. I am very thankful and excited for the opportunity; there couldn't have been a better time in my career for such a prestigious award!"

Peterson Yazzi is from Greasewood Springs, Ariz. and has been painting since 1997 when he held a paintbrush for the first time as a junior in high school. By graduation, Peterson had art scholarships to Northland Pioneer College, University of Evansville, and a monetary scholarship from the Heard Museum along with a weeklong art internship to Northern Arizona University.

Since then he has won many awards and recognitions from art shows such as: Heard Museum Indian Art Show, Santa Fe Indian Market, Eight Northern Pueblos Indian Art Show, Small Wonders Native American Art Show with Museum of Indian Arts and Culture, White Mountain Native American Art Festival and many more.

He has received art fellowships from Eiteljorg Museum and the Vermont Studio Center. He received his AFA and BFA from the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe and his MFA from the University of New Mexico. www.petersonyazzie.com

Jason Reed Brown (Koyukon Athabascan) Blacksmith.

Jason Reed Brown earned an Associate of Fine Arts degree from the Institute of American Indian Arts and is a graduate of Turley Forge School of Blacksmithing in Santa Fe, N.M. Throughout his years as a blacksmith, Brown has been featured in various American Indian Art Exhibitions and commissioned award-winning sculptures. Brown has been fortunate to work with Tom Joyce Architectural Blacksmithing for the past ten years, truly immersing him into the wide world of blacksmithing. Brown focuses his artwork on translating the beauty of Northwest Coastal Indian art into hand-forged ironwork.

The 2010 Discovery Fellowship Winners:

Kenneth Williams (Arapaho/Seneca) Beadwork.

"My thoughts come with excitement as well as deep and humble thankfulness. Being chosen as one of the 2010 fellowship winners is a great honor to me, as well as to my work. I feel very grateful to be chosen alongside with the other wonderful fellowship winners. Winning this fellowship is also an honor to my family and the teachings I have learned from them."

Kenneth Williams is a beadworker. He was born into this artistic tradition and has had the benefit of generations' worth of knowledge and experience passed onto him. He began observing and experimenting with beadwork when he was 6 years old while living on his father's reservation, the Cattaraugus Seneca Indian Territory in western New York.

As a teenager, he moved to Utah and began to spend more time with mother's family at the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. His family, the Spoonhunters, have long been regarded as master beadworkers. Their influence and guidance came at a pivotal time for him, such that their support and inspiration spurred him to start bigger projects like dolls, bags, cradleboards, and moccasins. He graduated from the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Museum Studies. He also studied with master beadworker Teri Greeves.

David Boxley (Alaskan Tsimshian) Sculpture/Painting/Diverse Arts.

"I am very proud to have won this fellowship. It gives me the opportunity to not only come to Santa Fe for the first time to show my art and abilities, but as important, I will bring Tsimshian dancing, masks, drums, regalia and all. I am looking forward to sharing Northwest Native traditions with our friends in the Southwest."

David Boxley is a Tsimshian carver from Metlakatla, Alaska. Born in 1952, he was raised by his grandparents. From them he learned many Tsimshian traditions including the language. After high school he attended Seattle Pacific University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1974.

He became a teacher and basketball coach to junior and senior high students in Alaska and Washington. While teaching in Metlakatla in 1979 he began devoting considerable time to the study of traditional Tsimshian carving. Through researching ethnographic material and carvings from museum collections, Boxley has learned the traditional carving methods of his grandfather's people. Boxley has been directly involved in the formation of four successful dance groups: one in his home village of Metlakatla, Alaska, and others in Seattle, Wash. He led the Tsimshian Haayuuk for six years, and now has a new group called the Git-Hoan (people of the Salmon). Boxley has written over 40 songs in his native language, and carved many masks, rattles, paddles and other performance items.

Boxley is the first Alaskan Tsimshian to achieve national prominence; he is particularly well respected as a totem pole carver, having carved 65 poles in the last 26 years. In all of David Boxley' s works of art, from totem poles, box drums to prints, he emphasizes Tsimshian style. In the recent resurgence of Native American cultural traditions, artists have become the culture bearers for their tribes. Boxley accepts this responsibility not only in his carving accomplishments, but also by bringing the traditions he has learned in his path to being a carver back to his home village.

D.Y. Begay (Dine') Weaver.

"My initial reaction when I learned heard the announcement was an exhalation of joy and relief. I was extremely pleased. My trip to Cusco, Peru to participate in the Gathering of the Weavers of the Americas is a dream come true! I had been invited to attend this event but didn't have the financial resources to attend. The fellowship will provide an extraordinary opportunity for me to go to Peru and participate in this very important gathering of international weavers."

Begay is Dine'. She was born to the Totsohnii Clan, the Big Water people, and born for the Tachii'nii Clan, Red Streak Earth people. She is a fourth generation weaver; her unique weaving style has been handed down through generations. Begay's weavings encompass a personal interpretation of the beauty of the high desert where she grew up on the Navajo reservation. She uses the same techniques passed down from her ancestors to create designs that have artistic and intriguing values reflecting her roots.

Her paternal grandmother taught her how to card and spin wool and to pick plants for dyeing the yarn to obtain the varied and subtle colors she uses in her weavings.

She has exhibited her work all over the world and is included in such museum collections as the Roswell Museum and Art Center, Roswell, N.M, Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, Santa Fe, N.M, National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Institute, New York City; Kennedy Museum of Art, Athens, Ohio; Mesa Art Center, Mesa, Ariz.; National Museum of Scotland, Edinburgh, Scotland. www.navajo-indian.com

Welcome aboard

United States Naval Academy Summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) Program is seeking candidates.

Eligibility requirements:

The Naval Academy Summer STEM Program is offered to rising eighth-11th graders. Students must demonstrate superior academic performance to include GPA, class standing, and/or strong PSAT, SAT or ACT results. Selection is based in large part on ensuring geographic representation along with overall accomplishments in and out of the classroom.

All applicants will be notified of their status by May 1, 2010.

Tuition and expenses:

All students selected to participate will receive a full scholarship to attend the camp, which includes room and board, meals, as well as a variety of materials. Plan on bringing extra cash for snacks and souvenirs.

Each student is responsible for arranging transportation to and from the Naval Academy. Students flying commercial air should make arrangements to arrive at Baltimore-Washington International airport (BWI) between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. on day one of the program, and depart after 2 p.m. on the last day of the program.

Buses and midshipmen escorts will be on hand to get students to and from the academy and BWI.

The Summer STEM Program application will remain open until April 1, 2010.

The 2010 Summer STEM Program Sessions:

Grade Level	Dates
Eighth and ninth	June 7-12
Tenth	June 14-19
Eleventh	June 21-26

Summer STEM Schedule:

Monday: Travel and Check-in.

Tuesday: Air and Space Museum/DC Tour.

Wednesday: So What Really Happened to the Titanic? Challenger? the Ford Pinto?

The tragedy of the Titanic as well as other engineering disasters have served to foster many technological discoveries and innovations.

As students learn more, they will break steel and investigate crash mechanics.

They'll examine material fingerprints to characterize technical crimes. They will visit the Hydro and Fluids Labs to study hull designs and structures and in the Aero Labs, and investigate the forces of nature.

Thursday: Cryptography, Computers and Code, Forensics and Fingerprints

Can you break the code? Learn how mathematics, computer science, and engineering have been used throughout history to keep messages hidden and cryptic. Create and program a video game to solve a crime in 3D. Use chemical analysis to solve crime and investigate fingerprinting of physical phenomenon.

Friday: Biometrics, Electronics, Robotics

Learn how technological advances in engineering assist in catching criminals, spies and other bad guys. Build and program a robot to master the maze. Wire and solder an electronic device for voice modulation. A tour of Biometrics Lab will find students performing iris scans and facial recognition techniques.

Saturday: Open House and Demonstrations

Students share new skills with their parents and friends and end the week by putting their projects on display.

For more information on the Naval Academy Summer STEM Program, visit: http://www.usna.edu/admissions/stem.html

OSU Center for Health Sciences seeks participants for Native Explorers Summer Program

Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences has received a grant from the Whitten-Newman Foundation to fund a new program to recruit, train, and educate Native American college students in the disciplines of anatomy and vertebrate paleontology as well as an introduction to Osteopathic Medicine.

The Native Explorers program, June 20 through July 3, 2010 is primarily a scientific expedition offering participants an opportunity to learn about ice-age vertebrate fossils, such as saber-toothed cats and mammoths, and vertebrates that lived during the Cretaceous (Age of Dinosaurs).

The summer program begins with three days of lab activities, exploring anatomy, comparing diseased and normal organs, preparing fossil specimens, reading topographical maps, and learning how to use a compass and GPS units.

These activities are in preparation for a 10-day field excursion at various sites in the Manti-La Sal National Forest, in Utah, where students will work side-by-side with OSU-CHS faculty in prospecting and collecting fossils. U.S. Forest Service staff and administrators will introduce students to protocols for fire, range, and wildlife management, and preservation and protection of historic sites.

"OSU is honored to offer this program, thanks to the generosity of the Whitten-Newman Foundation," says Kent Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy. "We believe this unique opportunity to integrate anatomy, paleontology, and medicine with lab and field activities will serve as a stepping stone to recruit more Native American students to study science as well as provide insight into related career opportunities."

The Native Explorers program is designed to promote and increase the numbers of Native Americans in science and medicine. OSU-CHS will select six students, undergraduate and graduate-level, to participate.

Students can earn three hours of college credit. All expenses are paid for those students selected.

More information and an application is available at http://www.healthsciences.okstate.edu/college/native_explorers/index.cfm or by contacting Kent Smith, Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy, OSU Center for Health Sciences, at (918) 561-8246, kent.smith@okstate.edu.

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the situation on the reservation quickly became devastating for many tribal members, Joseph Brings Plenty, Cheyenne River Sioux tribal chairman, stated.

"Mary (Monetathchi) gathered us together and told us about the disaster the Sioux tribe was facing and we all decided we wanted to do something to help," Brie Proctor, Indian club member, said. "We're all Indians, they are our people too and they are in need."

The students decided to use three-fourths of the money they raised throughout the year to purchase hygiene items, paper plates, toiletries and hand sanitizers in order to donate a check in the amount $750 to the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

"These kids are pretty special because they worked hard all year having fundraisers to raise enough money to have their end of the year activities and then they decide to donate almost all of it to people in need," Mary Monetathchi, El Reno Indian club director, said. "I told them that maybe that's why God enabled them to be so successful this year raising so much money … so they could help someone else in need. I am very proud of the students for doing this."

The students went to work right away organizing another fundraiser so they would have more money to donate, Monetathchi said.

"We had a lot of items donated for a raffle, like art work from Christine Levi's brother, and we went out and tried to raise as much as we could to send to the Sioux River tribe," Katherine Blackwolf, Indian club vice-president, said. "I mean we are all Indian people and we have to help each other."

Blackwolf sold the most raffle tickets at the Gary Miller Juvenile Center where she is employed part-time.

"I motivated myself to really sell as many tickets as I could by thinking here I am with a hot bath, warm food to eat, heat to stay warm and there are hundreds of kids out there on the Sioux River reservation cold, hungry and some of them freezing to death," Blackwolf said.

Courtesy photo

A blizzard lasting more than eight days pounded the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe in Sioux Falls, S.D. on Jan. 22, 2010 leaving thousands without heat, water, electricity and stranded in their homes.

In a statement Brings Plenty gave thanks to everyone for all the contributions and donations that have been pouring in to help the tribe from all over the United States.

"We are humbled and forever grateful," Brings Plenty stated.

Over $100,000 has been donated to the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe in the past few weeks and thousands of essential items such as water, blankets, food and clothing.

To contribute items mail them to Wakpa Sica, 709 Fort Chouteau Road, Fort Pierre, S.D. 57532 or call (605) 223-9099 for more information or to learn more about the recovery efforts of the Cheyenne River Sioux tribe.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

to you ... happy birthday to you ... happy birthday dear ...

Happy 30th Birthday
Abraham Pedro
March 25
With much love from your family, dad and mom
Wishing you the best in your graduate studies at OU!

Happy 25th Birthday Eric!
Feb. 24
We all love you and are happy you are home!
Love, mom, Fernando, Mario, Courtney, Kristen, Caden and Mariana

Happy 5th Birthday
Stacy White Plume
LittleBird "Red Fox"
Love all your relations at Barfoot and beyond

Happy 9th Birthday Angelica
We love you very much and are proud of you and all of your accomplishments!
Love your family, momma, Oso, mama Nettie, daddy, and auntie A

Happy 35th Birthday
Michael
March 11
Love from all your family

Happy 25th Birthday
momma Sara!
March 4
We love you so much! Hugs and kisses, love your nieces and nephews, Gertie-Sara, Nellie Jean, Queetie, Truman, MaKayla, Alec, and Evan

Happy Happy Birthday auntie Dena
March 2
We love you!
Nadena, Bree, Summer, Fred, Iris and Lauren

Happy Birthday
Nanny and Papa!
We love you
The Greany Gang

Five Generations
Back row: Natasha Campbell, Robbin Campbell Burgess, Mercedes Meeks.
Front row: Darlene Blanchard, Jaslynn Celine White Pigeon.

Happy Birthday to my sweet heart, Sara White Shield! I love you forever and forever.
From your fiancé
Redmon Ellis

The **RESPECT BOWLING LEAGUE** has been rescheduled to start on April 5, 2010 and end on May 24, 2010.

Happy 8th Birthday
"lil" GoodWarrior Deer
May you be blessed with many more! Love your family
The Deers

Happy 1st Birthday
Oakley Hail Pratt
We love you boo boo
granny, papa, Aimee
mom and dad

Happy Birthday to a very good sister, Wanda Morgan
March 14
You are the best sister anywhere. God bless you always and keep you near his plans for all of us.
Love your "lil" sisters, Sherrill, Janis and Raynell

DON'T FORGET!

Spring forward one hour for Daylight Savings Time on March 14, 2010.

Happy 19th Birthday
Grace "Chinadoll" YellowEagle
March 1, 1991
We are so proud of all that you do. You do not depend on any one to do for you and baby we love you more than you know.
Love always your family, mom dad, Cathy, Robert, Beth, Sky, Cheyenne, Isaiah, Noah and baby

Happy 12th Birthday to the Sleeper twins,
Ella Rose and Eva May!
March 12
With lots of love from mom, dad, Charles, Jr., Nona, Terrance, Heather, Dion and last but not least, Princess, Spike and Midnight the cat!

Happy Birthday baby aka K.P.! The big 18! You have grown into a beautiful young woman, and we are all so very proud of you!
Love, dad, mom, Kris, Nick, Johnnie Joe, Joshua, papa, and all the rest of your family

Happy Birthday to my two special girls, Leah and Sydnee, the March babies. I love you both very much. Love auntie Rosemary and all your family

Welcome

Kieran Gordon Madbull Franklin

Congratulations to Anessa Madbull and Matthew Franklin, proud parents of Kieran Gordon Madbull Franklin.

Kieran was born Feb. 5, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in El Reno, Okla. He weighed 7 lbs and 20-1/2 inches long.

Kieran has a proud older brother, Jacob Richey.

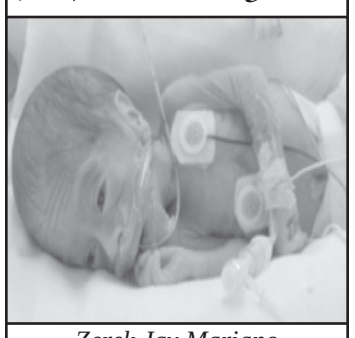
Welcome

Laurynce Katherine Tomi Jo Roman Nose

Josetta Roman Nose is proud to introduce her niece, Laurynce Katherine Tomi Jo Roman Nose born Nov. 16, 2009 in Red Deer, Alberta, Canada.

Proud parents are Alfred T. Roman Nose and Carmen Yellow Face. Proud grandmother is Betty Roman Nose.

Welcome



Zerek Jay Mariano

Zerek Jay Mariano was born at 7:55 p.m. on Feb 2, 2010 to Michaela PrairieChief Mariano and Todd Mariano in Albuquerque, N.M. He weighed l lb. 6 oz. and was 12 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Charles PrairieChief of El Reno, Okla. and Theresa Tsoodle of Albuquerque, N.M.

Great-grandparents are Melvin and Karen Miles of El Reno, Okla.

Other proud grandparents are Fritz, Eustace and Dan PrairieChief, JC Broyles and Emil Miles.

Congratulations to Michaela and Todd from all of your family!

In Loving Memory of Nelson John Turtle, Sr.
Nov. 19, 1937 – Feb. 11, 2010

Preceded in death are parents Ralph and Dorcus (Birdchief) Turtle, brothers, Wayne Turtle, Sr., Winston Turtle, Sr., William (Billy Ralph) Turtle, and Vernon Eugene (Wiley) Turtle.

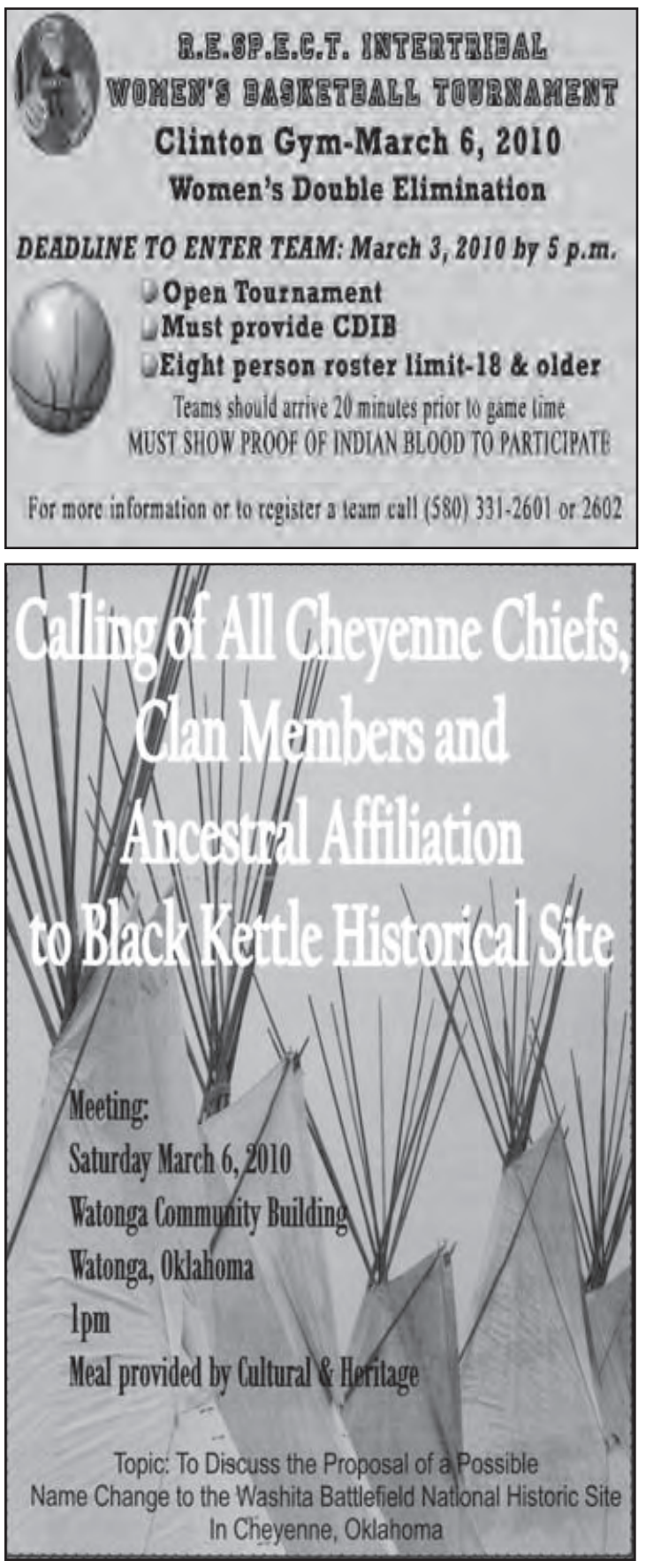
Survived by wife Lorraine (Yazzie) Turtle, daughters, (Henry) Sharon Turtle Vann, Jennifer Turtle, (Ronnie) Joann Turtle Spencer, Janelle R. Turtle, and sons Nelson (Krystal) Turtle, Jr. and Alex Mitchell Turtle.

We, the family would like to express thanks and appreciation to all who made this possible for our dad, who wanted to be buried with his relatives.

Thanks to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, the Native American Church members, relatives, and friends. Thanks to those who traveled the great distance because of their love to our dad, Russworm Funeral Home, and George Akeen.

There is a great many to mention here but to keep it short ... thank very much!

"Remember"
Remember me when I am gone away,
Gone far away into the silent land;
When you can no more hold me by the hand,
Nor I half turn to go, yet turning to stay..
Remember me when no more, day by day,
You tell me of our future that you planned.
Only remember me, you understand
It will be late to counsel then or pray.
Yet if you should forget me for a while
And afterwards remember, do not grieve.
For if the darkness and corruption leave
A vestige of the thoughts that once I had,
Better by far you should forget and smile
Than that you should remember and be sad.
-Kristine Mitchell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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT
Clinton Gym-March 6, 2010
Women's Double Elimination
DEADLINE TO ENTER TEAM: March 3, 2010 by 5 p.m.
Open Tournament
Must provide CDIB
Eight person roster limit-18 & older
Teams should arrive 20 minutes prior to game time
MUST SHOW PROOF OF INDIAN BLOOD TO PARTICIPATE
For more information or to register a team call (580) 331-2601 or 2602
Calling of All Cheyenne Chiefs, Clan Members and Ancestral Affiliation to Black Kettle Historical Site
Meeting:
Saturday March 6, 2010
Watonga Community Building
Watonga, Oklahoma
1pm
Meal provided by Cultural & Heritage
Topic: To Discuss the Proposal of a Possible Name Change to the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site In Cheyenne, Oklahoma

Donated prom dresses, formals

Courtesy photo

Wanda Whiteman accepts prom dresses donated by Steve and Ruth Guthrie.

Submitted article

Thanks to Ruth and Steve Guthrie for the donation of nine formal dresses, which were delivered to Wanda Whiteman at the Cheyenne and Arapaho education offices.

Ruth said she saw the junior/senior assistance newspaper item in one of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal papers and that was why she contacted the education department.

The couple are employed at the Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. and Ruth is a greeter at the front door.

The genuine niceness and friendliness of the two just showed through when the dresses were delivered, Whiteman said.

They had been foster parents for many years and the dresses were accumulated in recent years. Seven dresses still had price tags on them. A notice was sent out to the Indian education counselors in local communities and to the Riverside Indian School about the free dresses. The dresses were given out within a few days and were a blessing for many tribal member students whose parents struggle financially to make purchases for their proms.

God Bless Ruth and Steve for the wonderful people they are.

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: eolguin@c-a-tribes.org

Director Food Distribution

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in business administration or related field preferred or ten years experience in food distribution services. Minimum five years of supervisory experience. Working knowledge of federal/tribal USDA Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR). Possess valid state driver's license. CDL or CDL eligible-class B. Pass a physical/medical examination prior to reporting date. Currently certified or eligible for forklift certification. Training and warehouse work experience, familiar with warehouse and loading and unloading safety practices as well as applicable regulations and policies. Working knowledge and experience using computers. Demonstrate experience and ability to relate and communicate well with Indian and non-Indian individuals and households. Ability to prepare and administer federal grants and contracts. Strong organizational, writing and communication skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant Health Education

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school graduate or GED certification. Two years experience in related field. Familiar with the organization's established policies and procedures Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with others General office and computer literacy required. Requires knowledge of proper formats for reports and program correspondence. Must demonstrate effective communication skills. Must be dependable and have reliable transportation. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and meet requirements for use of GSA vehicle. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant Economic Development

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. College degree preferred. Prefer a minimum of two years experience in general offices procedures. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Valid driver's license. Must be able to work well with the public and tribal members. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Office Aid-Perm. P/T Arapaho District 4 Office

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification. Two years successful secretarial experience. Computer literatcy a must. Ability to relate and work with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Knowledge of office ethics and procedures. Arapaho tribal preference.

SALARY: $12/hr - 20 hrs/wk

P/T Adult Education Counselor-El Reno

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference. Ability to deal effectively and courteously with participants and ability to exercise good judgment when conducting assessments and communicating results. Ability to prepare instructional plans, progress reports, fliers, and other similar or related materials. Ability to maintain ongoing documentation regarding services provided (includes participant files and specialized class/workshop/seminars files). Maintain professionalism and environment conducive to learning. Must possess basic computer knowledge. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record for insurance purposes. Ability to pass OSBI background check. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays not to exceed 29 hours/week. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with position.

SALARY: $11-14/hr depending on experience

Administrative Assistant JOM

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification. Two year work experience in a clerical position. Knowledge of general office ethics and procedures. Knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures and use of spreadsheets. Proficiency in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Typing skills of at least 45 wpm. Computer literatacy a must. May be required to work other than normal working hours during peak periods. Must be able to attend conferences, trainings, or meetings as required by JOM. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Ability to relate with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Janitor Operations and Maintenance

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. One year experience in janitorial work desirable. Must know methods, materials and equipment used in custodial field. Must have safe work habits. Must be physically fit with the ability to lift up to 40 lbs. Must be able to work independently in the absence of supervision.

SALARY: Negotiable

P/T Adult Education Counselor-Watonga

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in education or related field preferred or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference. Ability to deal effectively and courteously with participants and ability to exercise good judgment when conducting assessments and communicating results. Ability to prepare instructional plans, progress reports, fliers, and other similar or related materials. Ability to maintain ongoing documentation regarding services provided (includes participant files and specialized class/workshop/seminars files). Maintain professionalism and environment conducive to learning. Must possess basic computer knowledge. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license and have a clean driving record. Ability to pass OSBI background check. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays not to exceed 29 hours/week. Must be willing and able to perform related travel normally associated with position.

SALARY: $11-14/hr depending on experience

Administrative Assistant COMIT/IT

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Must possess a current Oklahoma state driver's license. Working knowledge of all general office practices and procedures. Working knowledge and understanding of forms and handbooks utilized by the office. Skilled in operating various types of office equipment and computer literatacy required. Ability to maintain accurate files and perform duties with minimum supervision. Ability to communicate effectively orally and in writing. Ability to greet the public. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Grants and Contracts Specialist

QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelors' degree preferred. Strong writing skills a must. Experience with federal and state grant/proposal writing. Must be familiar with OMB circular and have knowledge of CFR regulations. Strong computer skills a must. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho culture, history, traditions and service area. Dependable transportation and valid Oklahoma driver's license required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Program Specialist Economic Development

QUALIFICATIONS:

Prefer bachelor's degree in business administration, accounting, finance or similar field. Prefer at least three years experience in similar fields or combination of both education and experience. Prefer two years of supervisory experience. Requires excellent organizational skills. Must be computer literate. Must be familiar with national gaming ordinances, gaming agreements, taxation codes and other tribal ordinances. Ability to clearly articulate program's goals and objectives. Must have the ability to relate to and work with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Must be a team player and possess the ability to work well with others. Must be willing to travel for training, meetings and to various job sites as needed. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Office Clerk Food Distribution

QUALIFICATIONS:

Possess two years of relevant specialized experience. High school diploma or GED certification required. Valid state driver's license required.

SALARY: Negotiable

Admin. Assist.-Procurement, Grants, Contracts

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of general office practices and procedures required. Knowledge of confidentiality requirements. Knowledge of software applications, word processing, spreadsheets, and database. Ability to work independently. High school graduate or GED certification required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

RESpECT Coordinator Clinton Office

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma or GED certification. Associates degree preferred or two years work experience in related field. Must be willing to further education (associates or bachelors degree). Must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid certifications. Knowledgeable about the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license. TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference). Must pass a background check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Administrative Assistant Higher Education

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certificate required. College degree preferred. Experience in records and/or database management. Knowledge in operation of various office machines. Prefer a minimum two years experience in general office procedures. Proficient in Microsoft Office applications. Typing skills of at least 45 wpm. Proficiency in grammar, spelling and punctuation. Ability to work with minimal supervision. May be required to work other than normal working hours during peak periods. Must be able to attend conferences, trainings, or meetings as required by Higher Education program. Must have a valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Ability to relate with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Assistant Director RESpECT Program

QUALIFICATIONS:

Must possess a high school diploma or GED certification. Associates degree preferred or four years of work experience in related field . Must be willing to further education (associates or bachelor's degree). Must receive and maintain CPR/First Aid certifications. Must be knowledgeable about Cheyenne and Arapaho people, communities, traditions, culture and customs. Must possess valid Oklahoma state driver's license. TERO applies (Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference). Must pass background and record check.

SALARY: Negotiable

Wellness and Facilities Engineer Assistant

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license and reliable transportation. Must have an active background in sports, recreation and exercise. Must have the ability to interact and communicate with varied educational levels. Must have at least one year of experience working in the sports, recreational or exercise fields. Must be knowledgeable of and sensitive to the tribes' cultures, heritages and beliefs. Good health and physical fitness a plus. Adult and child CPR/First Aid certificate required. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

PT Admin. Assist.-Counselor Adult Education

QUALIFICATIONS:

High school diploma or GED certification required. Two years work experience in a clerical position. Knowledge of general office ethics and procedures. Knowledge of basic bookkeeping procedures and use of spreadsheets. Proficiency in grammar, spelling, and punctuation. Typing skills of at least 45 wpm. Computer literatacy a must. May be required to work other than normal working hours during peak periods not to exceed 29 hrs per week. Must be able to attend conference, trainings, or meetings as required. Must have valid Oklahoma state driver's license. Ability to relate with the Indian and non-Indian communities. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member preference.

SALARY: $10/hour

Systems Support Tech COMIT/IT

QUALIFICATIONS:

Associates degree in IS or related field preferred. Or equivalent combination of experience, education and training which provides the desired knowledge, skills, and abilities. Two years experience as an IT technician or related field. A+ or MCP certification desired.

SALARY: Negotiable

HVAC Technician Economic Development

QUALIFICATIONS:

Knowledge of HVAC with license/ certificate. High school diploma or GED certification required. Must have a valid driver's license. Ability to read blueprints. Ability to design vent system prior to installation. At least two years experience. Ability to work with other trades such as carpenters, plumbers and electricians. Must be dependable and have excellent people skills.

SALARY: Negotiable

Victims Advocate Domestic Violence

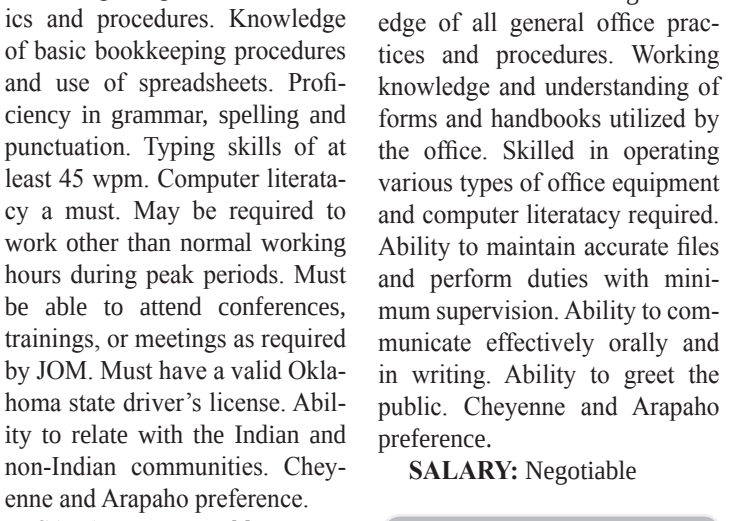
QUALIFICATIONS:

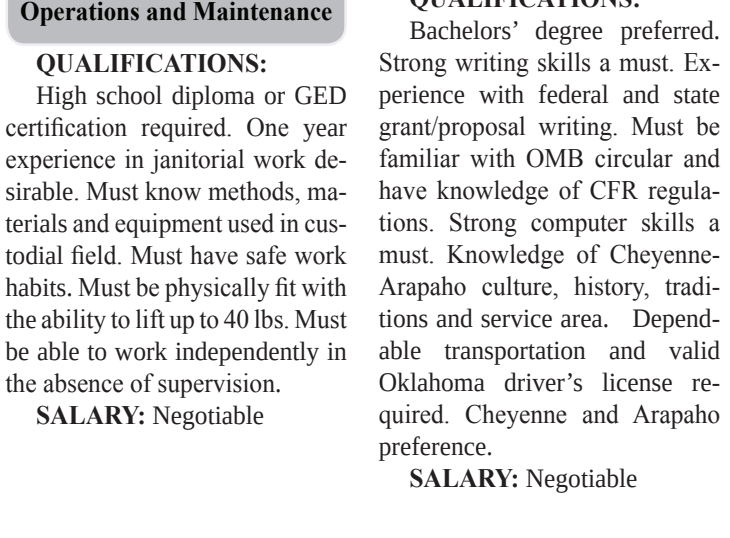
High school diploma required and and associates degree preferred. Two years of documented experience in satisfactory public service position. Substitutions of experience for education may be made only for the associate degree. Ability to perform necessary duties after normal business hours on a regular basis. Ability to be on-call. Valid state driver's license. Willingness and ability to pass background check. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Update on the Television and Radio Station PTFP Grant published in the Feb. 15, 2010 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune.

"The total request for the grant is $705,403. The document that Gov. (Janice) Boswell signed was the application for the grant and a letter of commitment of the 25 percent required matching funds from the tribes. Boswell made a commitment of $176,350 over two years if and when the grant is awarded. The grant award announcement will not be made until September or October 2010," Billy Williamson.





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CASE NO.: FGN: 192204001
DEREK EDWARD FOSTER OBLIGOR
KIT NAOMI BEARD CUSTODIAN

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TRIAL COURT OF THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES: DEREK E. FOSTER

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition to Register District Court Order has been filed in the Court listed above by the Plaintiff. You must appear in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 21st day of April, 2010 at 9:00 a.m., or the Petition to Register District Court Order will be granted to the Plaintiff.

Given under my hand and seal this 16th day of February 2010.

COURT CLERK
Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

April S. Buck, OBA# 19521
P.O. Box 1809
Ada, Oklahoma 74821
(580) 436-3419
ATTORNEY FOR TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT

FUTURE

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will be added, along with new gas and sewer lines. Bishop said they would start working on the RV Park in the next couple of weeks.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric is also helping install new lines and the casino will get a new transformer as well.

Boswell said the change is going to be beneficial to the tribal members and the community. Plus, she said Canton Lake is less than a mile away.

The Canton Lake area is also brewing with possibilities.

Charles Surveyor, public relations officer for Lucky Star Casino – Concho, talked about ideas for the tribes to build a golf course, deli and small hotel resort at Canton Lake. He said the feasibility and marketing studies have already been done.

In the meantime, the Feather Warrior expansion and upgrades will create at least 20-30 more jobs.

"It's exciting that we're going to have this expansion, because it's going to provide more jobs, especially in this depressed area (economy)," Harjo said.

On average the casino hosts approximately 80 patrons a day during both the week and weekends, according to Sylvia Ramirez, the casino's Human Relations assistant.

The Canton Feather Warrior Casino will celebrate its second anniversary on March 1, 2010. The casino will celebrate by having drawings from 6 to 9 p.m. (three winners per hour), a $5,000 drawing at 10 p.m., mystery prizes, free t-shirts and a Indian taco special in the deli.

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and a lot of unexplained expenditures, but I know we will sort through everything and get answers," Boswell said.

No one was available to speak on Flyingman's behalf.

Each executive director was given five minutes to give a brief description of the services their programs offer and a brief forecast of improvements they hope to implement.

Executive directors were introduced by Boswell as Robert Wilson, Department of Treasury, Roberta Hamilton, Department of Health, Teresa Dorsett, Department of Education, Reggie Wassana, Department of Housing, Mary Davenport, Department of Social Services, Debra Woolworth, Department of Enrollment, and Ida Hoffman, Department of Administration.

Following the executive directors, casino representatives were asked to present gaming reports to tribal members and the status of the casinos as well as upcoming events.

In a report given by Chris Derenzo assistant manager of Lucky Star Casino-Concho, he said that February was the first month the tribes have not had to have an advance from gaming funds in two years.

"The casinos are bouncing back and doing wonderfully as we have implemented new promotions, events and a player's club," Derenzo said. "Just today our gaming fund distribution to the tribes for the month of February was over three million dollars, the second largest distribution ever to be given."

Informational booths representing several programs were also available for tribal members to gather information.

The next community meetings are scheduled for 6 p.m., March 2, 2010 at the Hammon Community Hall in Hammon, Okla. and 6 p.m., March 3, 2010 at the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building in Kingfisher, Okla.

A meal is served at each meeting.

Courtesy photo

Feb. 5, 2010, was National Wear Red Day, sponsored by The American Heart Association. At the El Reno Indian Health Center 15 employees participated in women's heart disease awareness on Feb. 5, 2010. The Public Health Nursing Department has signed EIHS up as a participant for this year's National Wear Red campaign. They also posted a banner for patient awareness of Wear Red Day.

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